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Cheney presses Moscow on arms cuts

US threatens to put B52s back on alert

By Susan Ellicott in Washington and Charles Bremner in Moscow

RICHARD Cheney, the American defence secretary, threatened yesterday to reverse a new stand-down of long-range bombers and their missiles from 24-hour alert if the Soviet Union refuses to respond in kind to President Bush's sweeping arms cuts.

Mr Cheney's remarks came on the first full day in 34 years that more than three dozen B52 and B1B bombers had not been on alert.

The Pentagon ordered the aircraft crews to hand over the bombers to maintenance teams at the weekend in the opening step of the biggest unilateral cuts in nuclear weapons taken since Moscow and Washington emerged as nuclear rivals after the second world war.

Administration officials, including Mr Cheney, said that they were satisfied with the Soviet leaders' general response to Mr Bush's surprising and bold step on Friday night. They made it clear, however, that the Soviet Union is expected to respond to the president's call for the abolition of its short-range nuclear arms.

"If they don't, then obviously there are certain steps we've taken that we could reverse," Mr Cheney told ABC television. These included renewed alert for the bombers and the redeployment of sea-based tactical nuclear systems. Mr Bush's proposals had called for the elimination of the 2,400 American tactical nuclear weapons on land and at sea in Europe and Asia.

General Colin Powell, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, said it would take only 24 hours to reverse the stand-down order for the 40 bombers and their nuclear weapons, if necessary.

Mr Cheney said the United States had "every reason to believe" that the Soviet Union would "respond affirmatively" to Mr Bush's request, which was designed to short-circuit the lengthy process of bilateral arms negotiations and to give Moscow an incentive to cut military spending as it carries out democratic reforms. Mr Bush had called Mr Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, the president of the Russian Federation, before he made his address on American television and, Mr Cheney said, he had received enthusiastic responses then and since. However, Mr Cheney said, "we did not expect anything other than a general sort of endorsement".

Mr Gorbachev, in contrast to his previous bold stand on the nuclear issue, appeared to have been caught off-guard by the proposals. He was careful not to commit Moscow to specific reciprocal actions when he responded to Mr Bush's plan. He said that the American actions were very positive, but they raised many questions. Mr Gorbachev also said that the proposals had not come as a surprise since they sprang from the groundwork he had laid at the Reykjavik and other summits between the United States and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet president's formal language harked back to the days when every Soviet and American arms proposal was a chess move with a built-in catch. His tone could not have contrasted more sharply with that used by Mr Yeltsin who called for rapid Soviet measures to answer Mr Bush. Andrei Fyodorov, a deputy foreign minister of the federation, said that if Mr Gorbachev failed to act speedily, the federation might take its own decisions on the matter. One Russian official said Mr Gorbachev had failed to understand that the shift in power from him to Mr Yeltsin had also affected nuclear policy and the armed forces.

The United States placed its eight-engine B52s on alert on October 1, 1957, in a show of nuclear might during the Cold War. The aircraft flew continuous circuits over the United States for their first decade of service and came to symbolise the nuclear threat. In 1968, the flights were replaced by a ground force loaded with missiles and ready to retaliate within minutes against a Soviet nuclear attack.

Mr Bush's decision last week to take the B52s off alert was a clear sign that the administration believes the threat of a Soviet attack has dimicished since the failed Kremlin coup by hardliners last month. "We think that the bolt out of the blue is a reduced possibility," Brent Scowcroft, the White House national security adviser, said yesterday in an interview with NBC television. Mr Scowcroft, a former arms negotiator, discussed the dramatic arms control restructure with Mr Bush a month ago after the coup.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Seeing eye to eye: Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, and his wife at the party conference church service in the Brighton Dome Mission yesterday

Labour leadership fears defence spending defeat

By Philip Webster, chief political correspondent

THE Labour leadership was bracing itself last night for a conference defeat on defence spending this week after resisting left-wing demands to change its stance in response to President Bush's proposal for sweeping nuclear cuts.

As the Labour conference opened in Brighton, Neil Kinnock won strong backing from his national executive for his refusal to be tied to a target for arms cuts under a Labour government. Members of the shadow cabinet, who had last year rebelled against his tough line, fell in behind his refusal to give ground to criticism that his disarmament policy is too cautious. As a result, the leadership accepts it is likely to be defeated on Thursday over a call for Labour to commit itself to cut defence spending to the average of other Western European countries. As it did last year, it will swiftly make plain that it will not be bound by the result.

Mr Kinnock strongly welcomed Mr Bush's initiative but again underlined Labour's multilateralist approach that he has pushed through in the past three years. He told the executive that Britain's status as a nuclear power could be used constructively in negotiations and that the actions taken by Mr Bush and President Gorbachev meant that the door to disarmament was opening and would continue to go on opening.

But in asking them to back the remittance of the motion calling for cuts to the European average, Mr Kinnock knew that he might be courting defeat later in the week. Many of the bigger unions have taken a hardline stance on defence spending to balance their decision to give backing, in some cases reluctantly, to Mr Kinnock's move away from unilateralism. The Labour leader, however, believes it wrong to accept an arbitrary figure for cuts based on a European comparison and says an incoming Labour government would make a decision after an assessment of Britain's defence.

In the executive, he was backed 14-8, and he defeated by a much larger majority another left-wing attempt to commit a Labour government to abandoning the Trident missile programme.

As the conference began, delegates voted by a majority of more than four million to endorse the suspension of MPs Terry Fields and David Nellist after a day of protests and rallies in their support. The two MPs will now go before Labour's disciplinary court, the national constitutional committee, to face charges expected to result in their expulsion from the party.

Mr Nellist declared last night that he would now take his campaign to union branches nationally. Mr Fields said: "This is the action of a desperate leadership."

There was a further boost for the leadership last night as proposals to reduce the role of the unions in the reselection of Labour MPs were approved by a big majority.

Prescott: abstained in defence vote

Mr Kinnock was deserted over defence spending last year by six members of his shadow cabinet who are also members of the national executive, including Bryan Gould and Robin Cook. On that occasion he scraped through in the executive by one vote before going on to be defeated in the conference. This year none of the six voted against him, and only John Prescott, the transport spokesman, abstained.

Dennis Skinner, the MP for Bolsover, said Labour should have held to its unilateralist position rather than retreated three years ago. He said: "Now you have President Bush, a right-wing Republican leader in the United States, talking about getting rid of this and that. This is a great

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Table turned on hostage-takers

The kidnappers of Beirut, infiltrated by Western intelligence and abandoned by their masters, are in disarray and despair, reports Ali Jaber

John McCarthy is free, Jack Mann is free, and Terry Waite may soon join them. At the weekend Mr Mann enjoyed a pint of beer and a cigarette or two at an English country pub. It remains unclear when the next Western hostage will be freed. But what is clear is that the tables in Lebanon have been turned. The kidnappers, diehard Shi'as loyal to Iran, are increasingly in a state of disarray and depression, their ranks infiltrated by Mossad and the Central Intelligence Agency.

Divisions, distrust, uncertainty about the future and fear of prosecution by the West have taken hold. This, in turn, could threaten the highly sensitive negotiations to close the hostage chapter, sources close to the kidnappers said. They believe that some of the more important captives, like Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland, both Americans, and Terry Waite, the envoy of the Archbishop of Canterbury, were being held at the Iranian embassy in Beirut. The rest of the captives, like James Cicippio, another American, and the two German aid workers, Heinrich Struebig and Thomas Kemptner, were being kept in other hideouts in Beirut's suburbs.

The first sign of division among the kidnappers surfaced with the killing in Beirut in June, 1989, of Mohammad Murad. He was identified by police as chief of the Islamic Jihad organisation, the captors of Alann Steen and Jesse Turner, two American professors.

Murad was also member of the security squad of Sheikh Mohammad Hussain Fadlallah, the mentor of Hezbollah (the Party of God), which fronts the hostage-takers. Shia

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37-hour ordeal ends for ferry passengers

By Robin Young

FIVE HUNDRED weary passengers trooped off the *Sealink-Stena* car ferry *Felicity* last night after spending 37 hours on a crossing that usually takes 3½ hours. The Felicity had been due at Rosslare from Fishguard on Saturday morning but had been prevented from docking by the gales.

By the time the ship docked many of those on board had severe sea-sickness. Others were merely well lubricated with the contents of the duty-free shop and bars.

When heavy seas made it impossible to reach Rosslare on Saturday, the Felicity was forced by worsening weather into the lee of the coast off Dunmore East, Co Wexford, where she spent all night and much of yesterday in winds gusting up to 40 knots. While many passengers retired to their bunks, or tried to sleep on the bench seating, others chose to stay up dancing to music provided by the ship's five-piece band.

A Sealink spokesman said: "Everybody on board had a great time and there were very few complaints." One pass-

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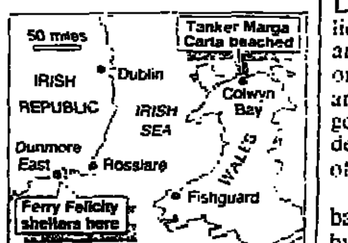

Lubbers sticks to his guns over EC union

By Our Foreign Staff

THE draft treaty on EC political union tabled by The Netherlands does not need fundamental revision and will not be withdrawn, Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister and current president of the European Community Council of Ministers, insisted yesterday. His statement came amid intense diplomatic manoeuvring at the weekend over the controversial Dutch plans for a federal Europe.

The Dutch draft makes extensive proposals for EC common, foreign and immigration policies, and advocates new powers for the European parliament. Britain has indicated that it is likely to veto the treaty at the European Community summit in Maastricht in December.

On the eve of today's meeting of EC foreign ministers in Brussels, Mr Lubbers told Radio 4 that the Dutch proposals amounted to "a good compromise". He said he could accept that London and Paris might want to "endorse this but change that".

Mr Lubbers said: "It would be silly to go back and try to make a whole new treaty." While London thought the draft was too tough, Paris wanted it strengthened. There would therefore have to be further debate before Maastricht, he said.

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Dutch try to change man's view of woman

From Mark Fuller
in Amsterdam

THE Dutch, noted for their liberal attitude to sex, have decided to get tough over male sexual attitudes. The government will today launch an advertising campaign to try to change male sexual behaviour, which it hopes, will reduce sexual violence against women.

Under the motto "Sex is natural but not a matter of course", a series of television spots and magazine advertisements will be directed at males aged 15 to 35. "We want to make men aware of the unsolicited side of their sexual behaviour and the stereotypes upon which this is based. We also want to prevent sex crimes by getting youths and men to realise their responsibility," said Marie José van Bavel, the campaign's spokeswoman.

The strategy, which runs until mid-1995 at a cost of almost £2 million, aims to prevent all forms of sexual abuse from rape to verbal attacks. In the first commercial a young woman is shown inviting her boyfriend home for a drink after a night out.

Ms Van Bavel said: "The man immediately assumes this means he can have sex and, once in the house, he starts to make advances. The girl is shocked by his heavy petting and pushes him away, and he leaves. The next day he thinks about his behaviour and calls the girl up. The advert concludes with them meeting in a bar having come to a better understanding, and with a better relationship."

The magazine advertisements employ clever word play to deliver hard-hitting messages against men who take women's sexual favours for granted. "If she agrees to go to the cinema, it doesn't automatically mean you can play the leading role," is one slogan that the campaigners hope will make young men think again.

The campaign is based on extensive research, which showed that Dutch men still see women as conforming to two basic stereotypes: the "flighty type" who takes sexual harassment as a compliment and the "decent sort" who is easy prey for sexual jibes. The government also wants to widen the public's concept of sexual abuse to include all kinds of unsolicited intimacy and verbal attacks.

The campaign has been prompted by recent research which shows that one in three Dutch women has suffered some kind of sexual abuse. In their own surveys the government found that 20 per cent of teenagers interviewed had experienced sexual violence more than once.

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Searching for the X factor that can decide an election

Ashdown: perceived as being good in a crisis

As the tide of opinion data rises, **Robert Worcester** analyses the key points that influence the all-*important floating voters*

ELECTIONS are won and lost on the margins of electorate choice. It is not the party faithful, those most interested and committed, that decide election outcomes. It is the waverers, the undecided, the disinterested voters located in the so-called marginal constituencies.

What is it that people think about when they make up their minds for whom to vote — assuming they decide to vote in the first place? Is it the Kinnock factor, so widely examined over these past few weeks? Is it the Labour party's U-turns on disarmament, nationalisation and trade union power, which polls showed for years turned off so many voters? Could it be the cool handling of foreign crises by John Major since he took office last November? Or is it the parties' images as fit and able to govern that count?

Analysis of polling evidence showed that whatever else was in play, improved economic optimism overwhelmingly accounted for pulling the Conservatives' share of the vote from level pegging (Conservatives 39 per cent, Labour 38, Alliance 21 in January 1987) to the 101 seat majority realised on election day in June.

Regression analysis carried out by Mori at the time of the election for *The Times* showed that more than 90 per cent of the *change in voting* intention between January and June 1987 was accounted for by change in economic optimism over the same period.

Parties' images, the leaders' images and the voters' ratings of the importance of issues and their perceptions of the parties' positions on these issues, are also factors. To find out just how important the electorate saw each of these factors when it came to making up its mind how to vote, we asked two matched samples of about 1,000 electors, each interviewed in their homes between September 20-24, to allocate points out of ten. There was a remarkable consistency across all segments of the electorate, with 42 per cent of the weight given to questions of parties' stance on policies, 32 to the *image of the leaders*, and a quarter, 26 per cent, to the image of the parties.

Young people gave more weight to questions of policy, older people to the leader, but otherwise there was little variation except by voting intention. Tories gave more weight to leaders, less to policies, while supporters of the Labour party and the Liberal Democrats were more concerned with policy. Labour supporters were also more concerned with the image of the party (see table).

A computer technique, correspondence analysis, is used to investigate the interrelationship between the electorate's images of the party leaders. When Mrs Thatcher was in office she was burdened with negative characteristics: she was seen as narrow minded, talking down to people, inflexible and out of touch. At the same time, however, she was seen by contrast to Mr Kinnock and Mr Ashdown as good in a crisis and as a capable leader.

Now, with Mr Major as the *third element in the perceptual* map, it is Mr Kinnock who is seen as inflexible, narrow minded and as with talking down to people. Unfortunately for Mr Kinnock, however, there are no positive attributes which balance the scale, as Mrs Thatcher had going for her.

Mr Major is now perceived as being good in a crisis and as understanding world problems. Mr Ashdown's strongest characteristic is that he is seen as having a lot of personality and he and Mr Major share the public's identification with being more honest than most politicians, being thought of as capable, and as having sound judgment.

It is now clear to anyone who reads even the occasional poll beyond the headline figures, that Labour leads on having the best policies to deal with most issues facing Britain today: unemployment, the health service, education, welfare and pensions. Defence is no longer a key issue and even on law and order, traditional Tory territory, Labour is catching up.

Categories %	Leader %	Policy %	Party
All	32	42	26
Conservative	37	39	24
Labour	28	43	29
Lib Dem	34	43	23

Source: MORI

Only on the handling of the economy do the Conservatives have a commanding lead. Unfortunately for Labour, however, it is just this that voters tell us is the number one issue on which they make up their minds between the parties.

Finally, when looking at the image of the parties, which is given a quarter weighting by the electorate, one can see that Labour is still thought of by more voters as extreme, divided, too dominated by its leader and ready to do anything to win votes. On the positive side, it is seen as concerned about people in real need and as more likely to look after the interests of "people like us".

The Conservative party is thought of as out of touch, but as professional, with a good team of leaders, and as keeping its promises. To the electorate, the Liberal Democrats have sensible policies and represent all classes.

● Only a major debacle for Neil Kinnock at the Labour party conference now seems *likely to present John Major* with the chance of availing himself of the November election option which he still refuses to rule out (Robin Oakley writes).

A deluge of opinion poll data yesterday, with five national polls, *one* in marginal constituencies and an in-depth study of one bellwether marginal, showed the two major parties running neck and neck.

A weighted poll of polls from the five national samples puts support at Labour 39.8, Conservatives 39.2; Liberal Democrats 15.8 and others 5.2. Repeated on a uniform swing at a general election, that would result in a hung parliament with the Conservatives 13 seats short of a governing majority: 313 seats to Labour's 300.

There was bad news for Neil Kinnock in the Harris poll in the *Observer*. Thirty-five per cent of those questioned cited him as the main reason for not voting Labour.

Professor Robert Worcester is chairman of Mori

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Over half Labour's supporters back private school help

By David Tytler, education editor

AT LEAST 55 per cent of Labour supporters and 71 per cent of Liberal Democrats are in favour of government grants allowing bright children from poor families to attend independent schools, according to a survey published today. A *third* of Labour voters believe the party should drop plans to end the assisted-places scheme.

The survey, commissioned by the Independent Schools Information Service, which is campaigning against proposals to scrap the scheme, also shows that 47 per cent of Liberal Democrat supporters oppose similar plans from their party.

Fifty-four per cent of the 1,820 adults questioned by Mori said that they believed academic standards were higher in independent schools than in state schools, while 65 per cent said that there would still be a place for independent schools even if standards were equal.

There was widespread support for assisted places, although 44 per cent of those surveyed had not known about the scheme until they were questioned.

The poll was carried out between August 23 and 26. The nationally representative sample of 1,820 adults was interviewed across 148 constituency sampling points in Great Britain.

● Campaigns to improve nursery education and to cut the sizes of classes in state schools are launched by two of the largest teachers' unions today.

The Assistant Masters and Mistresses' Association says that nursery education should cease to be a "lottery", dependent on where a child lives, and be available to all children who need it. In Hounslow, west London, for example, two out of three under-fives go to nursery school but only 3 per cent have the chance in Wiltshire. Gloucestershire has no nursery education at all.

State v independent schools

Do you believe that standards in state schools are higher than in independent schools?

	Higher	About the same	Lower
	%	%	%
All	11	24	54
Age			
18-34	10	25	59
35-54	12	22	55
55+	10	25	48
Class			
ABC1	8	21	63
C2	10	27	50
DE	14	24	47
Voting Intentions			
Con	11	20	62
Lab	11	28	55
Lib Dem	7	28	55
Region			
Scotlnd	18	33	37
North of England	9	21	55
M'lands	13	29	47
South	9	20	61

The association says that it is concerned about the growing number of children aged three and four being placed in overcrowded primary schools rather than in specialist nursery schools or classes. About 577,200 three and four-year-olds (46 per cent) go to school but 270,000 of these are in infant reception classes at primary school.

The National Union of Teachers is to ask its members to report on the number of pupils in their classes following concern that numbers, particularly in primary schools, were growing rapidly. The latest government figures show that the number of classes with fewer than 30 pupils had fallen while those with more had increased, said Doug McAvoy, the general secretary.

"Parents cannot believe that their children could get sufficient of their teacher's time in classes with more than 31 children. That was the fate of more than a million children last January, according to the government's own figures," he said.

● Labour will double student numbers within 20 years, ensure higher education is open to "all the talents", and improve student grants under proposals in the party's policy document on Higher Quality Higher Education, published today.

Colleges would be obliged to analyse admission applications by sex, age, disability and ethnic origin to identify inequalities and monitor progress in reducing them, said Andrew Smith, the party's spokesman for higher education.

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Girl in care dies after car crash

By Tim Miles

SOCIAL services officials in Co Durham have launched an investigation after a 14-year-old girl in council care died in an alleged joyriding accident.

The girl was one of five teenagers in a car that crashed after being pursued by police at 3am yesterday at North Bitchburn, Co Durham.

A boy aged 17 is expected to appear before magistrates today. Three teenagers are recovering in hospital with leg, neck and hand injuries.

The stolen car, a Vauxhall Astra, was seen by police in a patrol car as it sped through North Bitchburn early yesterday. The patrol gave chase, but lost sight of the vehicle. Shortly afterwards, the Astra crashed through the railings of the village's Methodist church.

Durham social services confirmed that the dead girl lived at the Beech Rise children's home in Darlington. She has not been named. Another boy and girl in the car were also in council care.

Peter Kemp, director of Durham social services, said yesterday that an enquiry would take place as to how the teenagers came to abscond from council care. "Because this has happened at a weekend it is difficult to get hold of all the people concerned," he said. "However, I will be contacting everyone involved to try and find out the exact sequence of events."

● A joyrider died yesterday after a 90mph police chase across two counties. The man, who has not been named, was killed when he lost control of a stolen car on a series of sharp bends and overturned it.

An officer in a police van saw a man driving an XR2 in Minehead, Somerset, after leaving a petrol station without paying. The officer chased the car onto the A39 at Cannington, Somerset, until a patrol car picked it up on the A38 at Edith Mead, near Glastonbury. As the joyrider sped towards Bristol the police car tried to catch it, exceeding 90mph. However, at Churchill, near Bristol, as the man hurtled round a series of sharp bends, out of sight of the police car, he lost control and overturned his vehicle.

Firemen cut the trapped driver from the wreckage. He was taken to Weston-super-Mare general hospital, but died from multiple injuries.

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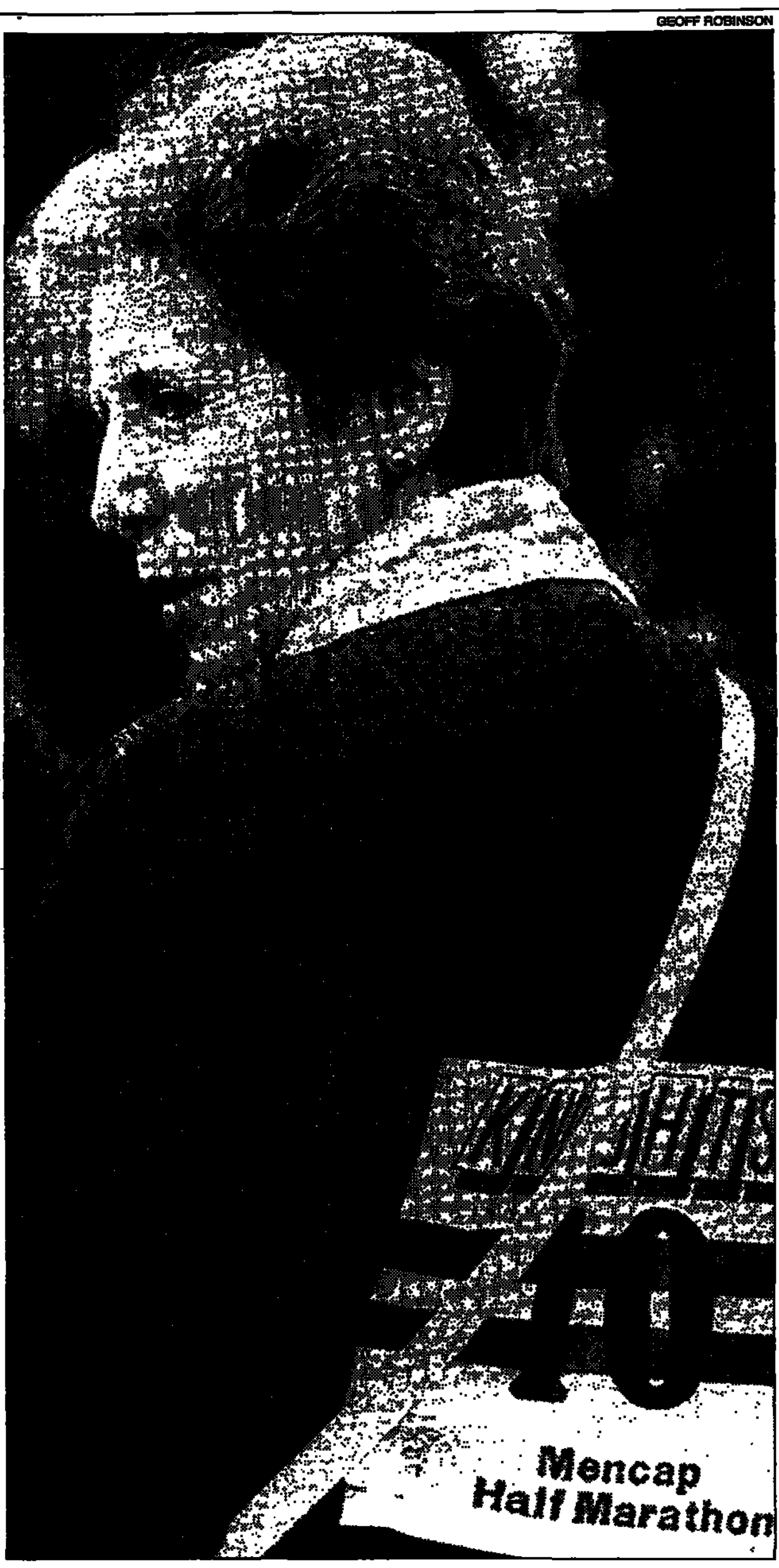

Back to No 10: Norma Major wearing an appropriate number as she walks a half-marathon in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, yesterday in aid of the charity Mencap

Gascoigne hit in face by man at nightclub

By Lin Jenkins

PAUL Gascoigne, who is due to appear in court today on two charges of common assault, has complained to police that he was hit in the face during an unprovoked attack in a nightclub at the weekend which aggravated his injured knee.

The Tottenham Hotspur and England footballer was taken from Walker's club in his home town of Newcastle upon Tyne to the Royal Victoria Infirmary, where a spokesman said he was treated for a minor injury. He went to the Princess Grace hospital, London, last night, where it was understood he planned to spend the night.

Northumbria police said the alleged incident was reported by Gascoigne's agent, Mel Stein, about 12 hours afterwards. "He complained that Mr Gascoigne had been assaulted and we are now investigating," police said. "We have been told he was approached and punched in the face. As a result, he fell to the ground, reactivating a knee injury. He sustained slight bruising to his face and a broken back tooth."

Yesterday, Gascoigne had his knee examined by physiotherapists at the Tottenham Hotspur ground. One report said that he left on crutches. The initial knee injury, sustained during a tackle during last season's FA Cup final, put in jeopardy the deal under which he joins the Italian club Lazio next season. After several operations, he is still not fit to play.

Mr Stein said: "Paul was enjoying a night out with his family and friends and had just gone to the toilet with his brother. As they came back, a complete stranger walked up to him and said 'Gazza'. Paul turned round and was hit on the chin. It is beyound a joke when he can't enjoy a night out in his home town without being attacked like this."

Gascoigne is due to appear before Newcastle magistrates today to face two charges of common assault, relating to a brawl in the city in June.

Irish policeman accused of IRA link

A MEMBER of the Irish police appeared at a special court in Dublin yesterday accused of passing on information about the force in a way prejudicial to the safety of the state.

Dennis Kelly, aged 28, from Mallow, Co Cork, was also said to have been a suspected member of the IRA. He was remanded in custody until today, when the question of bail, provisionally set at £25,000, is to be considered.

Chief Inspector Malachy Shiel told the court he had extended an initial order for Kelly's detention under the terms of Ireland's Offences Against the State Act because he suspected Kelly was a member of the IRA.

Kelly, who is based at Limerick, was one of two policemen arrested on Friday in connection with investigations into IRA activities.

The other officer, together with two women and two men, was questioned by detectives in Dublin. He and the women were later released without being charged.

Islands yearn for a minister

A plea for more than "hit and run ministry" for the dwindling population on the islands of ancient celtic Christianity has been made by a Scottish evangelism adviser. The Rev Mary Morrison, of the Church of Scotland, describes a visit to Colonsay in the church's *Life and Times* magazine, published today.

After responding to an advertisement for ministers to occupy the manse, she temporarily ministered to the population of 120. She describes how sheep found a home in the white-washed hill top church after a visitor left the door ajar; how six people keep the church going and how people in general have "lost interest".

Advice burden

Local government should have a statutory duty to fund Citizens' Advice Bureaux facing cuts and even closure as they struggle to deal with increasing numbers of problems arising from debt and unemployment. In its annual report, the National Association of CABs says it is "seriously concerned about not having the resources" to meet demand, which rose by 9.2 per cent in the past year to 7.1 *million* enquiries.

Watson surgery

Michael Watson the boxer has undergone a third brain operation and yesterday remained on a life-support machine at St Bartholomew's hospital, in London, eight days after suffering a brain injury during his super-middleweight title bout with Chris Eubank. The operation, described as routine, was to replace a pressure-monitoring probe. Watson's condition was said still to be critical.

Fatal navy run

A young Royal Navy recruit collapsed and died on a fitness run six days after starting his training. An enquiry started yesterday into how Stuart Waterson, aged 19, was taking part in a routine mile and a half run at the Navy's HMS Raleigh base at Torpoint, Plymouth, on Saturday. Mr Waterson, of Redditch, Hereford and Worcester, could not be revived at hospital.

Doctors treat world's tallest man

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

A MAN from Bangladesh, reported to be the tallest man in the world, is in St Bartholomew's hospital in London for treatment to stop him growing.

Parimal Chandra Barman, aged 27, is said to be 8ft 6in tall, which would make him comfortably larger than the existing champion, Haji Mohammed Alan Channa from Pakistan, who claims to be 8ft 2¾in but who is credited by the *Guinness Book of Records* with a more modest 7ft 8in.

Neither the hospital nor the doctor treating him, Professor John Wass of the department of endocrinology, would last night comment on Mr Barman's case. Professor Wass said that tests were being carried out and that it would be inappropriate to say any more until the results were known.

Mr Barman, from Dhaka, *grew normally until the age* of nine when he began a sustained growth spurt. He is still growing but is said to be weak. Doctors believe that he is suffering from a tumour on the pituitary gland, often a cause of giantism.

The gland, which lies at the base of the brain, is a tiny organ weighing only about half a gram which is responsible for control of the endocrine system. Among the hormones it produces is growth hormone, which controls the growth and ultimate size of the individual. When it fails to function the result is restricted growth, which can be corrected by injections of growth hormone. Less commonly, it goes into overdrive to produce giants measuring seven feet or more.

Greener, Britain's tallest, who at 47 stands 7ft 6¼in

One cause can be a tumour in the part of the gland responsible for producing growth hormone. If that happens during adolescence, the result is a giant; if it happens after growth has ceased, *in adult life*, then the additional growth is concentrated in the nose, lips, tongue, lower jaw, hands and feet, in a condition known as acromegaly.

Pituitary giants may also suffer from this condition. Of the eight men listed by *Guinness* who are attested to have exceeded 8ft in height, seven also suffered from acromegaly. The normal treatment is removal or x-ray therapy of the tumour, combined with drugs to reduce the growth hormone levels in the body. In the past two years, two of the eight footers have died comparatively young. Gabriel Monjane, "the Mozambique giant", died in January 1990, aged 47, after a fall, and Sulaiman Nashnush, a Libyan who just topped the eight foot mark, died of a heart attack at the age of 48 last February. The greatest of them all, Robert Wadlow, born in Illinois in 1918, had reached 8ft 11in and was still growing when he died at the age of only 22.

Perhaps the unluckiest man of all was Adam Rainer, of Graz, Austria, who started life as a dwarf, measuring only 3ft at the age of 21. He then started growing at a prodigious rate and by the age of 40 was more than 7ft tall. At his death in 1950, at the age of 51, he was 7ft 8in.

The tallest woman of all time was Zeng Jinlian, of central China, who was 8ft 1¾in when she died in 1982. Britain's tallest man is Chris Greener, aged 47, of Hayes, Kent, who stands 7ft 6¼in and and weighs 26 stone.

Ministers study cut in inheritance tax

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

MINISTERS are *studying* ways of easing the tax penalties on inherited wealth as an encouragement to families to pass on homes and businesses to their children.

With backing from John Major, the options under consideration include cutting or banding the rate of inheritance tax, raising the threshold and further incentives for savers. The policy is in *contrast to Labour's plans to* increase taxation on gifts within families both before and after death.

The prime minister and Chris Patten, the party chairman, have both made clear that, after the Conservative administrations' incentives in the 1980s to wealth creation, the Tories needed to take further steps to encourage savings and pass that wealth to the next generation in the 1990s.

The outcome of the study is expected to be disclosed either in Norman Lamont's Budget or in the Tory party manifesto, depending on the timing *of the next general election.* Inheritance tax of 40 per cent, starting at £140,000, brings £1.25 billion a year into the Treasury and had to be paid by 24,000 people last year. The threshold was lifted from £125,000 in the last Budget but has generally not kept pace with the rise in house prices.

One senior government source yesterday predicted that Conservative ministers *will promise* a sharp rise in the threshold, perhaps to £200,000, next year or a banded rate of inheritance tax with the 40 per cent rate applying only to estates valued at more than £500,000.

The boom in home ownership in the 1980s is leading to many more people, particularly in the South-East, being caught by the tax when they inherit property from elderly relatives. Mr Patten emphasised to the Institute of Directors last week that the Tories wanted to encourage more home ownership and transfer wealth creation from generation to generation.

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Shadowy world of the sleuth

Government urged to regulate private detectives

By JAMIE DETTMER

THE government is being pressed to pass legislation to control Britain's 3,000 private detectives, but the investigators' two main professional bodies are divided over whether a compulsory registration scheme should be introduced for those wishing to set up agencies.

Both the Association of British Investigators and the Institute of Professional Investigators have had recent talks with Home Office ministers as part of their long-running efforts to secure statutory control. But the association opposes a registration scheme, fearing that it would result in the arbitrary exclusion of private detectives disliked by the police.

Norman Smith, a member of the association's governing council, said: "Such a scheme would probably have to be run by local authorities or the police and we would worry about people being refused the right to register on grounds other than ones of competence."

The association favours the setting up of a disciplinary body, along the lines of the Press Council, which would lay down guidelines on behaviour and have the power to ban private detectives found to have breached codes of conduct.

However, the association acknowledges that British detectives will need some form of official documentation if they want to undertake investigations in other European Community countries, many of which operate registration schemes.

Legislation governing the shadowy fraternity of private eyes is at present being worked on within EC institutions, ready for the 1992 single market.

Both the association and the institute are eager to improve the image of private detectives and to keep out "cowboys". Currently, anyone can call themselves a private detective regardless of training or background. In recent years, the institute has issued public warnings about sleuths offering cut-price services. In one recent case, armed robbers set up an agency within days of being released from prison.

Solicitors have also been criticised by both professional bodies for not being concerned with the background or character of detectives they have employed on behalf of clients. "Too often it is the case in commercial and industrial work that a solicitor will say, 'that is what I want you to achieve but I don't want to know how you do it'," said one private detective.

Concern has also grown within the industry over the illegal use being made of increasingly sophisticated surveillance equipment. "If you picked ten private detectives out of the London Yellow Pages and asked them if they would be prepared to bug a telephone line or office, at least seven of them would say yes," claimed Christopher Brogan, who heads the International Commercial Agency. "I cringe at the thought. I am a good guy but it should not be down to the individual."

Neither of the organisations, which issue codes of practice to their 600 members, has escaped criticism. In the mid-Eighties one director of the institute passed on a dossier to Scotland Yard containing allegations that members of his organisation were involved in illegal buggings and break-ins and bought and sold personal information from official sources, including the Police National Computer.

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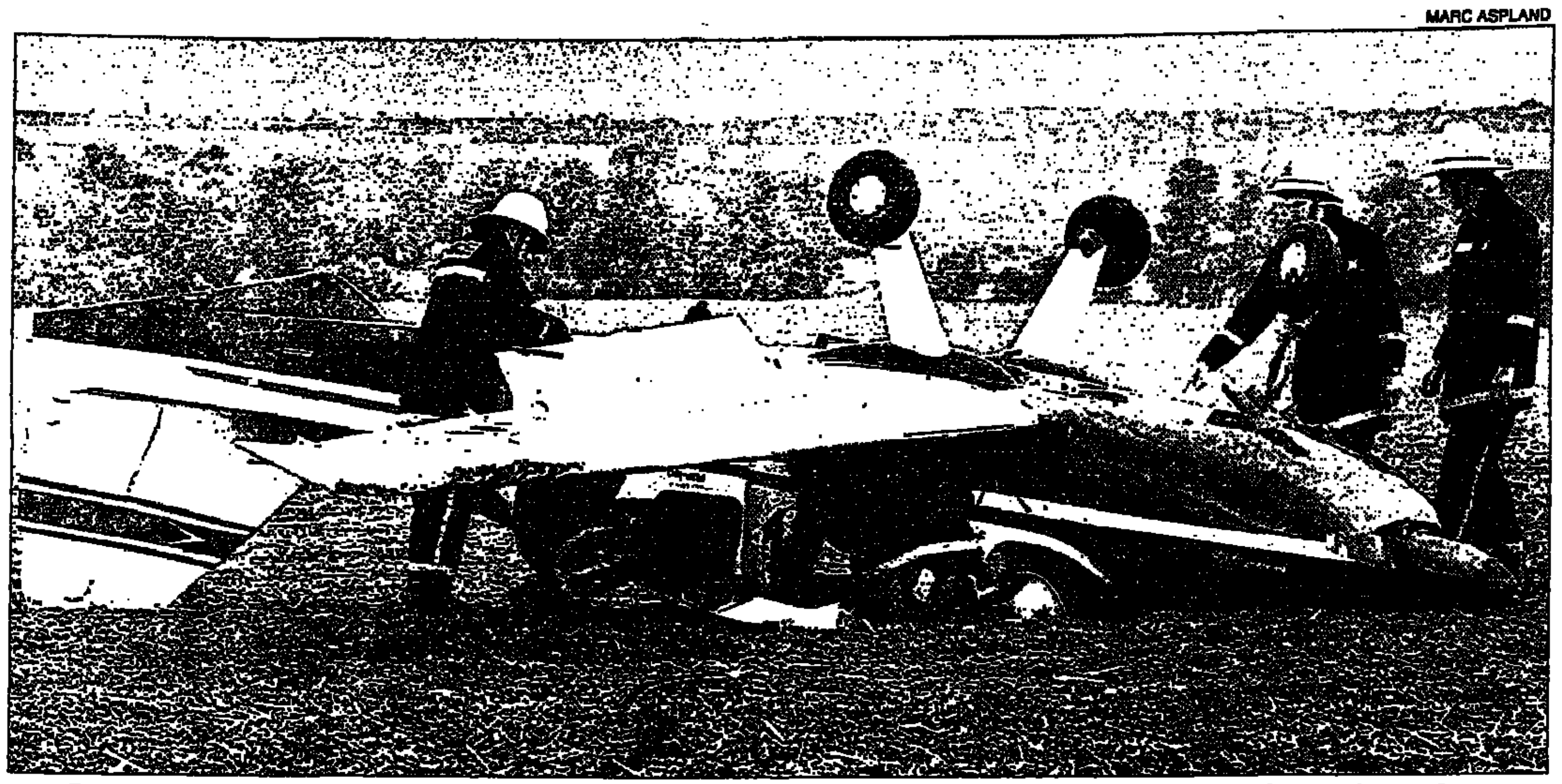

Crash landing: firemen checking a Beagle Pup light aircraft that flipped over as it touched down in high winds and heavy rain on a farm airstrip alongside Huntingdon racecourse, Cambridgeshire, yesterday. The pilot and his passenger escaped from the accident unhurt

Modest habits that go with immodest pay

By ROBIN YOUNG

SIR Paul Girolami, chairman of Glaxo and beneficiary of the latest bumper increase in top business managers' pay, is the least likely man to spend it all at once. Sir Paul's annual salary has for many years been equivalent to a once-in-a-lifetime pools win, and it has never changed his lifestyle yet.

He has been married for 39 years and has lived in the same house in southwest London for more than 30. He bought it when he was working for a firm of accountants as a pioneer in the fledgling business of management consultancy. He has worked for Glaxo for the past quarter century, and has only ever had two jobs.

Such conservative habits and unostentatious lifestyles are by no means untypical of the men whose pay cheques look like other people's telephone numbers.

Sir Ian MacLaurin, the chairman of Tesco who is, after "Tiny" Rowland, Britain's second most highly paid executive, with a salary of £1.5 million, sports a suntan and a swimming pool at his home at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, but his only known interests outside his company are his family and golf Every Saturday morning he shops at one of the three Tesco stores within reach of his home.

Lord King of Wartnaby, of British Airways and Babcock, has a house in Eaton Square, a country mansion, 2,000 acres of Leicestershire and a third residence in Scotland. Yet his greatest known extravagance was of an intensely personal nature: spending £25,000 on a pearl necklace to put on his wife's neck in her coffin.

Robert Evans, the head of British Gas, whose £370,000 salary attracted envious comment in June after his rise, lives unostentatiously in Bournemouth, watches rugby and is as likely to eat in a bistro or a as a select hôtel.

Professor Sir Roland Smith, who could well afford to waive his possible £1 million payoff from British Aerospace since he has nine other remunerative directorships, also rejects the adornments associated with top-ranking business executives. He has no Rolls-Royce, no yacht, no mansion, nor racehorse, and lives moderstly in Altrincham, outside Manchester.

One company head who has never been abashed by his large salary is Dick Giordano, the American who chairs BOC. He was the highest paid businessman in the land until he was overtaken (briefly) by Sir Ralph Halpern in 1988. Mr Giordano dismisses the increments paid to some of the privatisation bosses as "minuscule amounts" to have such a fuss made about them. When BOC won a fiercely contested bid for the American company he was then running, he went out and bought a 63ft ketch, "because I expected to be sacked".

Chairman's rise, page 21

Agent who claimed to be on Her Majesty's service

As legislation looms to curb the activities of rogue investigators, **Jamie Dettmer** unravels the case of the Home Office man that never was

THE identity card was, at first glance, convincing. Light green and laminated, it discreetly confirmed the holder's position as an officer in Her Majesty's immigration service. "Hello. I'm from the Home Office. Is Mr George in?" asked the man, who was equipped with small black briefcase and sober raincoat.

Before long, however, Alan George, a freelance journalist who was at that time researching into Iraqi efforts to build a supergun, became suspicious of Richard Greene of the immigration service. The mannerisms were right for a slightly fastidious Whitehall official, but then other things contradicted the grey-haired visitor's cultivated appearance.

"He claimed he was involved in an official investigation into a small east London company which was trading in arms to Iraq," Mr George said. "I thought it strange that a normal civil servant would turn up out of the blue in this fashion. During the meeting I went to my study to fetch a file and when I returned I noticed him copying into his notebook my telephone number."

It soon emerged that Mr Greene, a tall, slightly built man in his late forties who spoke with an educated south London accent, was far more interested in Mr George, his background and his family than in any help the journalist might be able to give. He seemed particularly interested in Mr George's wife, who is Indian. "She could easily be taken as an Arab and it seemed to me that he would have loved to know more about her background."

Mr George was right to be suspicious about his visitor. Soon after the visit, checks failed to turn up the existence of such an officer in the immigration service. The Home Office had also never heard of him.

A few weeks after the visit, Michael Bull, the son of the Iraqi supergun designer Dr Gerald Bull, who was later murdered in Paris, blurted out to another British journalist that Mr George's wife was "Syrian or Iranian". When asked why he thought that, Mr Bull said that he had heard a rumour.

Earlier this year, several months after Mr Greene arrived on Alan George's doorstep, a source in Dr Bull's Brussels office admitted that the supergun designer had asked his London solicitor at the firm of Lane and Mittendorf to investigate Mr George. According to the source, Dr Bull had been stung into the move after several articles by Mr George had caused him problems. He wanted to know if the journalist had any links with anti-Iraqi Arab countries.

Dr Bull's solicitor called in Thames Investigations Services. The firm was paid £1,000 out of Dr Bull's personal bank account.

Thames Investigations is run by Gerry Moore, a prominent private detective who is a member of several professional bodies, including the Association of British Investigators and the Institute of Professional Investigators. When pressed, Mr Moore admitted to police officers that his firm had undertaken an enquiry into Mr George. He denied, however, that any of his men had been involved in the Greene visit.

It would be hard to guess that Mr Moore's glass-fronted, two-roomed office in Tranquil Passage, Blackheath, south London, houses a private detective agency. A passer-by who glanced through the window would think that he was looking into a highly discreet estate agency. Glossy property magazines are laid out on the window-ledge.

Mr Moore was unhappy when *The Times* approached him for an interview. "You'll have to phone in office hours and ask for an appointment," he said on the entryphone system. On the telephone a few minutes later, he said that he was far too busy that afternoon and the next day. He denied all knowledge of Dr Bull, Lane and Mittendorf and Mr George. "I'll sue," he said.

One of Mr Moore's investigators, Richard Yardley, a Woolwich nightclub owner, was equally unhelpful. Several months ago, Mr Yardley entertained members of his Upstairs Club, now re-named Reflections, by showing them a stack of false identity cards. According to Gary Mahn, a regular at the club, the cards included ones for officers from the Department of Social Security and the Ministry of Defence.

Mr Yardley, named in advertisements for Mr Moore's firm as a senior investigator, denied all knowledge of Thames Investigations. "I'm a club owner. I don't know a Mr Moore," he said.

George: bogus official aroused his suspicion

Prize serpent will be sold

By JOHN SHAW

CHRISTOPHER Monk's serpent, the bizarre musical instrument that gave birth to a whole nest of serpents as the early music movement took hold, is being sold in London.

Monk was both a player and maker of early instruments but the Baudouin keyless *serpent d'église* was the model for copies sent to fellow enthusiasts around the world.

It was the concert instrument he played with the London Serpent Trio, the group that spread the gospel of early music throughout Britain, Europe and, during three tours, the United States. He was also behind a remarkable concert at St John's, Smith Square, in which 53 serpentists from many countries took part in July last year.

It marked the 400th anniversary of the instrument, a sinuous member of the ancient cornett family that graduated from playing hymns in church to the military band.

Mr Monk died aged 69 in July. His prized serpent is being sold through his estate for an estimated £3,000 to £4,000 at Christie's on November 6. Francis Gillham of Christie's said: "We expect it will go to another maker or collector."

● Phillips the auctioneer has made 20 people, about one in twenty of its UK staff, redundant. It has also closed provincial salerooms in St Ives, Cambridgeshire, and Manchester.

● A Victorian sapphire and diamond pendant made £352,000 in a £714,241 jewellery sale at Bonham's in London. The sapphire came from a Kashmir mine active in 1881-7. It was sold by an anonymous Englishwoman whose family had owned the pendant since Victorian times.

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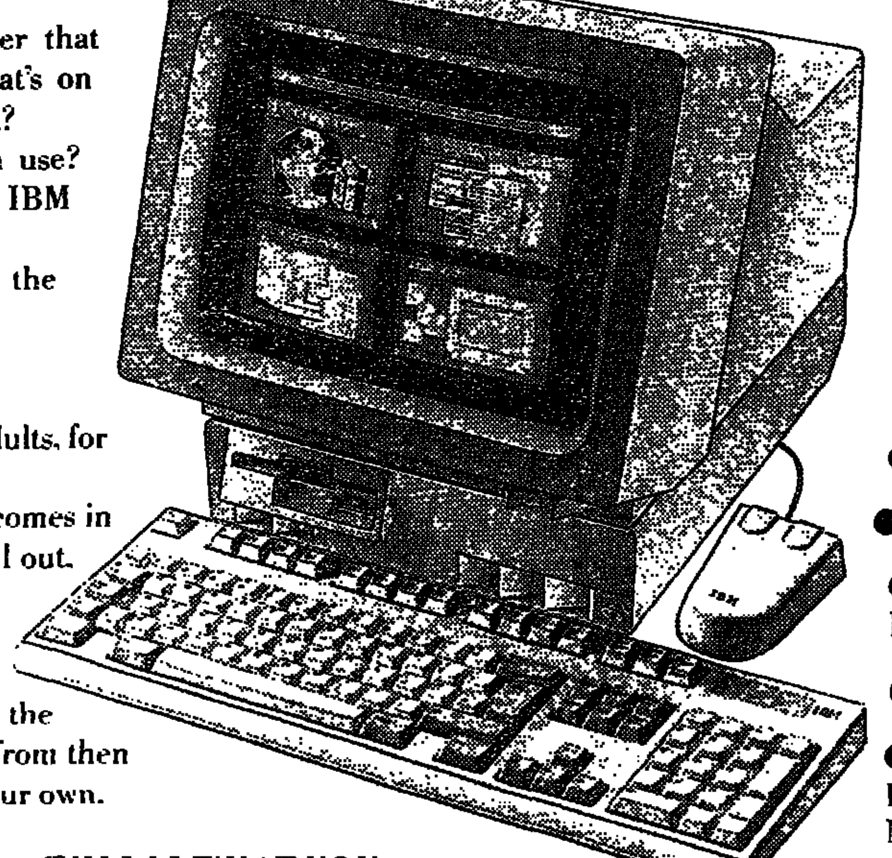

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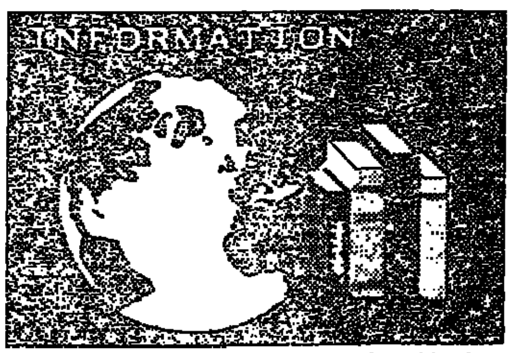

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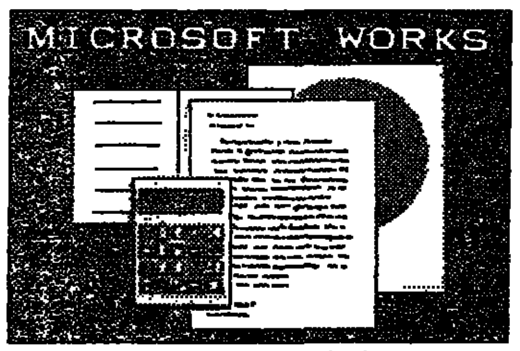

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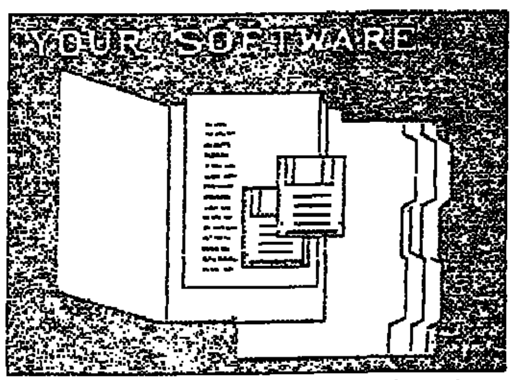

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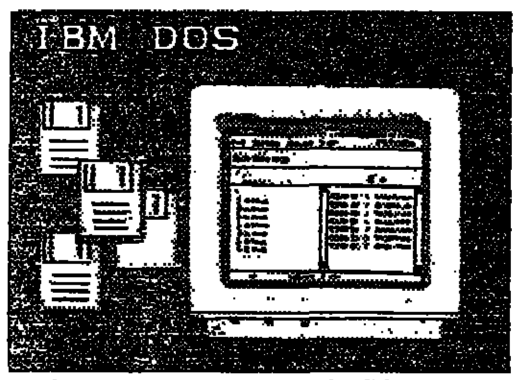

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Home secretary accuses Labour of veiled plan to attack 'cherished principle' of judicial independence

Baker rejects call for creation of a ministry of justice

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

KENNETH Baker, the home secretary, has ruled out the creation of a ministry of justice, which is being put forward widely within the legal profession and is supported by the Labour party.

In a keynote address to the Bar conference on Saturday, where he was criticised over "the crisis in law and order", Mr Baker said that a ministry of justice would threaten judicial independence. He also attacked Labour's intentions in supporting such a proposal, describing them as the "more shaded part of the Labour party agenda – securing influence over the judges".

"We know what Roy Hattersley thinks about the judges," he said. "Last December he quoted with approval the sentiment that 'judges are notoriously their own creatures, disinclined through long exercise of power to heed outside influence'."

Labour wanted to make the courts directly accountable to MPs in every aspect of their organisation and operation, Mr Baker added. The government's position was clear. "We respect and value judicial independence. That independence, free of interference from politicians, is one of the fundamental principles rightly cherished in our country and has been with us for centuries."

A ministry of justice is favoured by the Law Society and although not formal Bar Council policy, the Bar's general management committee, its "cabinet", supports the idea.

The opening of the two-day conference was marked by warnings from the chairman of the Bar, Anthony Scrivener, QC, and the home secretary, over the future of the criminal justice system. Mr Scrivener said that law and order was in crisis and something had to be done urgently. "The sad fact is that the crime figures have rarely been higher and continue to escalate by the month. Violence generally and mugging in particular is commonplace."

He also gave a warning that the conviction rate had rarely been lower. "We wait for a lead. Time is running out," he said.

Mr Baker, however, rejected Mr Scrivener's calls for two immediate reforms without waiting for the royal commission to report: a rule to prevent people being convicted on uncorroborated confession evidence; and a right for fresh evidence, when it emerges after a conviction, to be considered by a jury.

The home secretary said that it would not be right to make "piecemeal reform". The royal commission had a wide remit and was looking specifically at concessions.

Mr Scrivener later described the rejection as "very depressing". He said: "I just hope there will not be another tragedy, another miscarriage of justice, before these reforms are in place."

Scrivener: action needed on law and order "crisis"

Baker: judicial independence a cherished principle

DIVORCING COUPLES

Wasting of assets must be halted

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

RADICAL reforms to stop divorcing couples squandering their assets in unnecessary legal costs were called for by Judge Angel, senior district judge of the principal registry of the High Court family division.

"Something has to be done if at all possible to avoid the sort of outcome as in a case in the registry where the parties ended up with assets of £270,000, which included a business worth £75,000, having spent costs of £104,000."

The couple had started with "something short of £400,000, and spent a quarter of their fortune to become poorer", Mr Senior District Judge Angel said. Many such cases could not bear the expensive treatment they were being given. "The work being done on them, in particular the extensive and expensive enquiries being undertaken more or less automatically are just not cost-effective. Sadly it usually turns out there is no crock of gold to be found."

The judge said that if couples were kept fully informed about what the costs of an investigation might be, they might decide it was not necessary. "I know of no other area in which people of limited means are engaged, in which expense of a substantial nature can be incurred without their being asked to agree to the expenditure."

Mr Justice Johnson, of the family division, told the conference that the present basis for calculating the lump sum awarded to wives on divorce was unfair. In assessing a lump sum the determinant was her need. As a result, the wife, who may have contributed just as much to the marriage and worked as hard as the husband in her role as housewife, would end up with far less than him.

CHILD ABDUCTION

Loophole feared in kidnapping cases

THERE is a danger that under the Children Act 1989, which comes into force on October 14, foreign courts will not regard abducting a child abroad by one parent to be in breach of the other parent's custody rights, a QC told barristers (Frances Gibb writes).

Ian Karsten, QC, speaking on "the war against international child abduction", said that there was a new concept of parental responsibility. Each parent would have responsibility for the child and be entitled to act alone in meeting that responsibility, provided the actions were not incompatible with any order made in respect of the child, he said.

"There is a risk that the foreign court may conclude from this that unilateral removal from the United Kingdom by one parent, though unlawful, is not a breach of the other parent's rights of custody, and so falls outside the ambit of wrongful removal aimed at by the convention (on child abduction)," Mr Karsten said.

"This would be a disastrous outcome of the new principles of parental responsibility introduced by the act, and one which it has to be hoped will not materialise."

He said that England had become a "net exporter of abducted children". Between August 1 1986, when the international convention came into force in this country, and July 31 1990 – excluding cases where children were voluntarily returned – there were 109 incoming cases and 138 outgoing cases of abducted children.

CORONERS' COURTS

More active role for juries proposed

A REFORM giving coroners and their juries the power to indicate their views on the evidence heard was proposed by Paul Knapman, the Westminster coroner, at the conference yesterday (Frances Gibb writes).

If juries were to have a role in coroners' inquests, he said, perhaps they should be able to indicate their views, as happens in Australia, subject to guidelines from the coroner.

However, he questioned the need for juries in all cases with which they are currently involved. They should be retained for deaths where a person's liberty has been compulsorily removed: deaths in prison, police custody and compulsory detention under the Mental Health Act. However, they were not needed in other kinds of deaths, he said.

Dr Knapman, who presided over inquests into the Clapham rail disaster and the Marchioness riverboat tragedy, proposed that the coroner's inquisition should be replaced with a coroner's determination, along the lines of the sheriff's determination in Scotland. This would consider where and when death took place, cause of death, cause of any accident resulting in the death, the precautions which might have been taken, and any defects in a system of working which contributed to the death.

Elizabeth Munro, assistant procurator fiscal in Glasgow, told the conference that the Scottish system of fatal accident enquiries had the advantage that it avoided "the lurid media coverage so often given to English cases".

Legal aid reprieve for asylum seekers

THE government appears to be backing down over its controversial proposals to withdraw legal aid for advice for asylum seekers and other immigration cases. Kenneth Baker, home secretary, said on Saturday that "the Lord Chancellor and I said it was clear we should not withdraw eligibility until other arrangements were in place".

The United Kingdom Immigrants' Advisory Service, which was intended to take on the job, has refused to do so. A series of meetings is planned for this week. The Lord Chancellor has agreed to meet immigration lawyers, and Home Office officials are meeting the Bar Council.

Anthony Scrivener, QC, Bar chairman, described the proposals as "horrendous" and said that if the Bar succeeded in preventing one person being sent back to his own country to face imprisonment or worse, "the whole thing will have been worthwhile".

Running sores

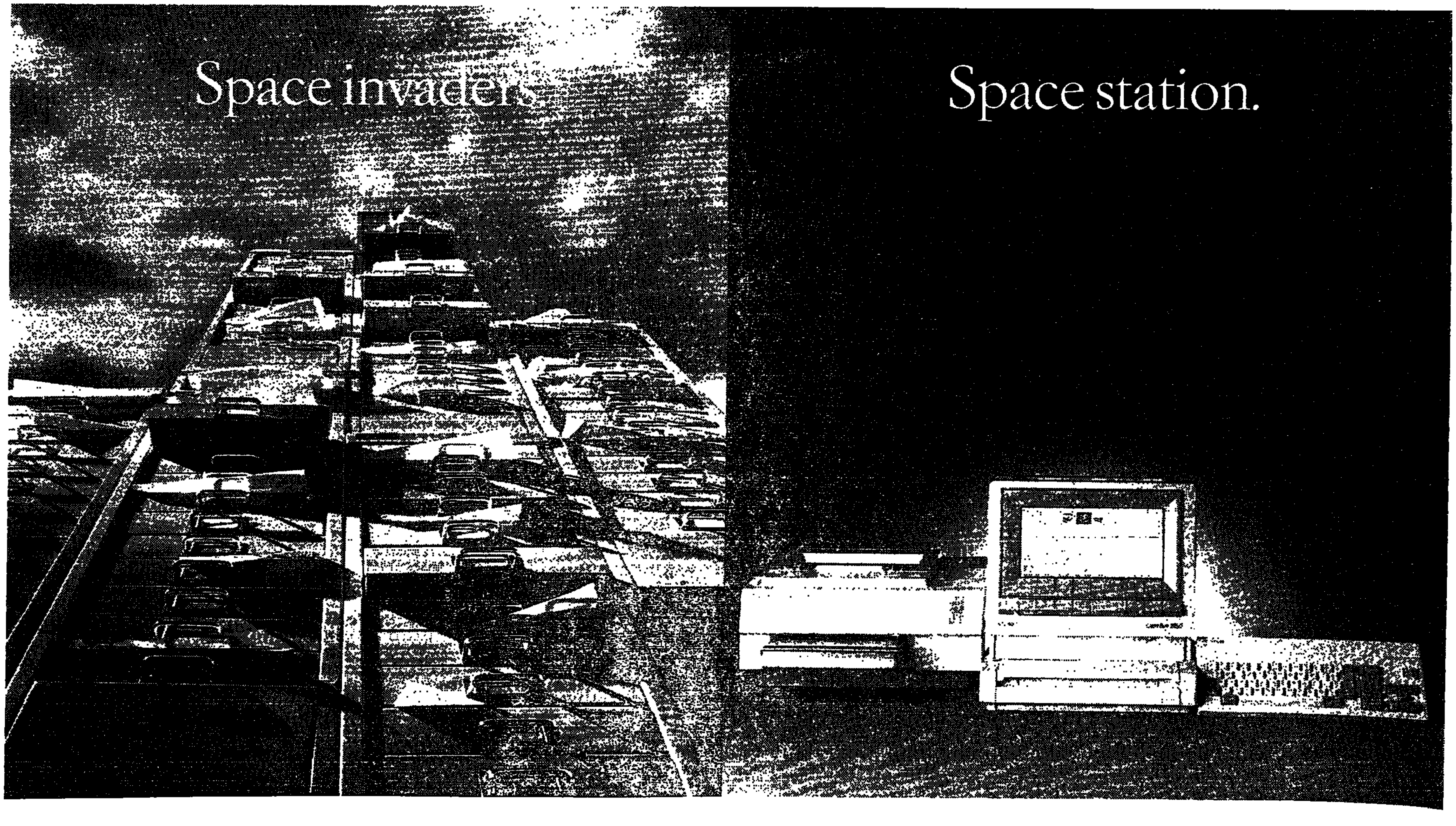
The late return of written work and briefs were "running sores" which reflected badly on the whole legal profession, Philip Ely, president of the Law Society, told barristers. "If you know that you cannot complete the work within a reasonable time, for heaven's sake tell the solicitor; give a realistic deadline for completion and stick to it."

Public scrutiny

Budding advocates were told by George Carman, QC, one of the country's leading barristers, that they had to prove their worth to the public. The Bar had been and still was under siege and under public scrutiny, and rightly so, he said.

Free services

The Bar must do more to sell itself to the public and promote the services it produces free of charge, John Rowe, QC, leader of the northern circuit, said.



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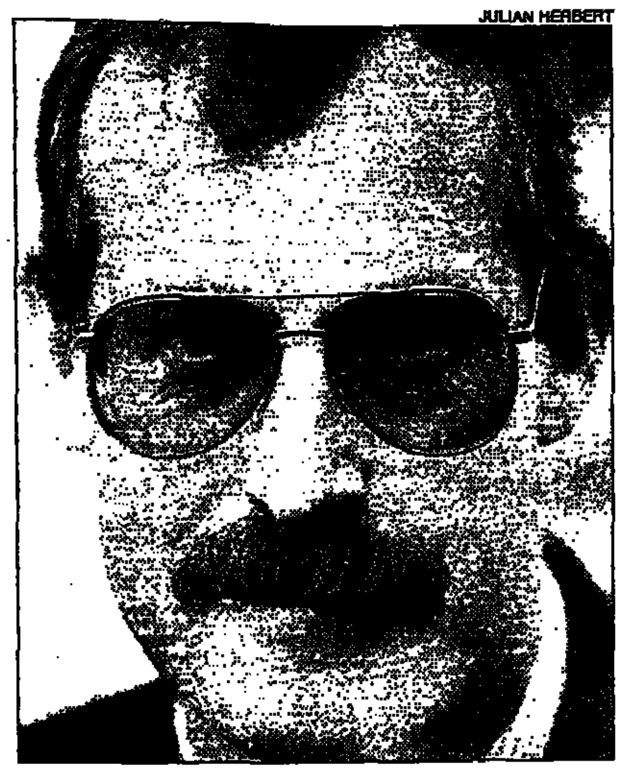


Green expert: Martin Parry, who will head the unit

Oxford leaps to forefront of green studies

Michael McCarthy reports on the soccer-style transfer of a team of academic environmentalists, and the importance now being attached to research into global warming

OXFORD University will obtain overnight a worldwide reputation for work on the potential impacts of the greenhouse effect, with the opening tomorrow of its environmental change unit under Professor Martin Parry.

Professor Parry, aged 45, a *leading world authority on* the possible effects of climate change on agriculture, has moved from Birmingham University, and his transfer has involved — in football terms — not just the striker, but the whole forward line. He is bringing with him five core members of Birmingham's celebrated atmospheric impacts research group, with their projects, their £1.5 million worth of funding, and their secretary.

They will give, in his own words, a “jump start” to the Oxford unit, making it an instant international centre of excellence in the study of how rising temperatures will affect crop growth, wild *plants, birds and animals.* Its predictions of where wheat can be grown in 2025, for example, or where fresh water can be found, if global average temperatures are then, as expected, a full degree higher, will be of critical importance to governments and policymakers everywhere.

“All the evidence is that the global climate is going to change, and it will affect all our lives,” Professor Parry said. “Our task is to estimate the ways in which we can best adopt, and reduce, the cost of the negative impacts.” Even some of the smaller negative impacts might seem irreducible for some of us: a research group he chairs has already suggested that bluebells and the white-flowered wild garlic will disappear as the damp corners of English woodlands dry out.

Professor Parry's interest in the future of agriculture is personal as well as academic: he is the son of a farmer in Suffolk, where wheat growing may well become impossible as temperature rise. He is the lead author of the principal United Nations study of the impacts of climate change on world agriculture, and chairman of the UK Climate Change Impacts *Review Group.*

The fact that Oxford was willing to bring in not just a leading expert but a mini-department is an indication of the importance *the* university attaches to the environmental change unit, which has been set up with enthusiasm and speed, in contrast to the *situation* at Cambridge, where a similar scheme is being pursued in a much lower key. Merton, one of the richest of the *Oxford colleges,* has provided a building for the unit: a charming 17th-century dairy, renovated with no expense spared to take the £100,000 worth of computer equipment to be donated by IBM. The company is *also* funding Professor Parry's salary for five years, and the Campaign for Oxford, the university appeal, has already raised *£1.7 million of* the target endowment of £7.25 million. The unit will rapidly expand its research and teaching, co-operating *with all relevant university* departments.

Oxford is on such a fast track to environmental excellence because the project has excited the imagination and backing of some of the most influential dons, in particular the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Richard Southwood, who is professor of zoology, Sir Crispin Tickell, *the warden of Green College* and environmental adviser to John Major, the prime minister, and Professor Andrew Goudie, head of the school of geography.

In Cambridge, by contrast, the proposal for an interdisciplinary environment centre, put forward with some fanfare by a group of young academics in 1989, became enmeshed in internal politics and has only just been agreed by the university general board; it will be another year before the centre is established, and then only if the initiating director, Professor John Page, also salaried by IBM, can secure the necessary £1.25 million funding from industry. Cambridge University itself has declined to contribute.

Two-year Vauxhall pay offer falls below inflation rate

By Kevin Eason, Motoring Correspondent

VAUXHALL is offering 9,000 assembly line workers a pay deal that falls below the inflation rate and sets the pace for an autumn wage round of tough negotiations among Britain's big manufacturers suffering from the recession.

The car maker has dug in against union demands to use inflation as the base line from which it can win further rises. Unions at Vauxhall were seeking a two-year deal which would give 3 per cent above the retail price index or 12 per cent, whichever was the greater, in the first year alone, and a reduction in the working week from 39 hours to 37.

Company executives have offered just 5 per cent in the first year and 1 per cent below inflation in the second stage of the deal. *The first-stage* payment is also conditional on workers accepting further introduction of Japanese-style working practices.

In an industry which has been seen to cave in to heavy demands from unions over the past four years, the Vauxhall offer is a significant retrenchment. It will be watched closely by unions and management alike.

Union representatives are due to meet Ford on negotiations for wage rises for more than 30,000 blue-collar workers later this week in the biggest negotiations of the autumn round.

Ford workers won increases of nearly 14 per cent last year because they tied their deal to inflation, which peaked last November at almost 11 per cent. The deal was widely regarded as one of the most expensive in the motor industry and was condemned for sparking a number of inflation-plus deals in other companies.

Vauxhall, however, says that it cannot afford profligate wage increases at a time when the company must increase productivity and reduce costs to survive competition from the new Japanese companies setting up in Britain. A Vauxhall official said: “Those Japanese companies are going to get more productivity for less money. *We cannot go into* the next two years with a competitive disadvantage. That means getting hold of our costs and increasing our productivity to match the best of our competitors. We have to have a realistic approach and not look at what other people are doing but how well we can survive.”

Vauxhall's stance is bound to alert union negotiators to the parlous state of the motor industry after two years of recession in which sales have *fallen by more than* a fifth.

While Vauxhall has remained profitable and its plants at Luton and Ellesmere Port, Merseyside, have been at full capacity, Ford has suffered its first financial loss in two decades, of £274 million, and its Halewood plant on Merseyside has been on a three-day week.

Unions may be hard-pressed to justify taking industrial action in support of substantial wage increases in the same way as two years ago *when Ford was disrupted by* sporadic walkouts.

Ford has struggled to improve productivity and maintain sales but Vauxhall has succeeded in introducing new working practices at Ellesmere Port.

Executives say that the plant's capacity will be increased from 120,000 cars a year to 140,000, with 20 per cent for export. Vauxhall's parent company, General Motors, has invested £200 million in the plant to build the new version of the Astra model as a result of improvements in both productivity and quality. The British-built cars are now said to be more reliable than those coming from German factories.

The working practice changes at Ellesmere Port included the abolition of demarcation lines, introduction of team working and the scrapping of multi-union negotiations for a “single voice” bargaining system.

Vauxhall wants those measures to spread to its main plant at Luton to achieve greater productivity on the assembly lines, which make the best-selling Cavalier model.

STUART FREEDMAN

Children at play: some of the younger members of an orchestra of more than 200 flautists rehearsing yesterday for a performance last night of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at the Barbican Centre in London

New advice due on breast cancer

NEW advice on how to detect the first signs of breast cancer will be issued by the health department tomorrow to dispel confusion about the benefits of self-examination (Sheila Gunn writes).

The guidance, from the government's new chief medical officer, Kenneth Calman, is expected to point out the importance of checks by women on their own bodies. That will contrast with the advice from his predecessor, Sir Donald Acheson, who recently criticised self-examination as not very effective because it gave women a false sense of security.

Both experts are understood to agree that self-examination is no substitute for regular screening against breast cancer, which kills about 13,000 women a year in Britain.

Soldier's death

Peter Hardy, MP for Wentworth, South Yorkshire, has asked a *French counterpart* to investigate the death of one of his constituents, aged 21, in the French foreign legion. The man is said to have suffered a blow to the head.

Radar watchdog

The loss of valuable koi carp from garden ponds to thieves, herons and cats has led to the development by the Aqualabs electronics company of Essex of a radar alarm system that barks like a dog.

Jail helpline

Prisoners at Winson Green prison, Birmingham, the scene of two suicides this year, are to be given a direct telephone *link to the Samaritans* by the end of the year.

Birds diseased

Hundreds of ducks and pheasants *have died from* avian botulism near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. The agriculture ministry believes that drought may have encouraged the spread of the infection.

Drugs haul

Customs officers seized more than 120lb of cannabis resin, valued at £250,000, from a yacht in Poole Harbour, Dorset.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly Premium Bonds prize draw are: £100,000, bond number 1JT 550190, winner comes from Norfolk (value of holding, £60); £50,000, 6WW 851068, Manchester (£200); £25,000, 25PS 758999, Hertfordshire (£2,001).

Accident services blamed for 1,000 deaths each year

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor

MORE than 1,000 *people die* every year in Britain because of the failure of accident and emergency services, according to a report published today.

Doctors are poorly trained in emergency procedures, treatments are often seriously deficient, and research into injury care is virtually non-existent, three hospital consultants write in *Saving Lives,* a report from the health and welfare unit of the Institute of Economic Affairs.

A network of regional trauma centres, like those in America and much of Europe, could reduce preventable deaths and improve the chances of recovery for accident victims, they say. In spite of there having been “clear evidence” of that for 30 years, it is only recently than an experimental trauma centre has been set up, at Stoke-on-Trent.

Meanwhile, according to Peter Baskett, a consultant anaesthetist in Bristol, “100 people die every month, unnecessarily, at vast expense”. Dr Blaskett, president of the World Association for Emergency and Disaster Medicine, says that up to 75 per cent of trauma deaths in Britain could be *avoided.*

“Half of the preventable deaths were due to misdiagnosis of relatively common conditions, such as a ruptured liver or spleen,” he says. “One improvement could be made straight away — an increased sense of urgency by junior doctors in calling for help and an increased speed of response by senior medical staff. Consultants must abandon jealously-guarded restrictive practices.”

Dr Blaskett estimates that avoidable deaths cost about £500 million a year, and that a network of trauma centres could be established for £80 million, and run at a cost of £30 million a year. Another of the contributors to the report, Miles Irving, a consultant surgeon at Hope Hospital, Manchester, says: “Trauma centres would be well *worth it* when one considers the economic cost of accidents.”

Further criticism of British *health care comes in a second* report, *The Nation's Health,* published today by the King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. It says that Britain still lags behind other developed countries in tackling the main preventable killers and causes of ill health.

The authors have written to the health secretary, William Waldegrave, urging him to adopt eleven health priorities outlined in the report, including action on nutrition, alcohol, cigarette smoking, road safety, maternity services, dental health and high blood pressure detection. Their proposals include random breath-testing, higher taxes on cigarettes, banning tobacco advertising, incentives to increase the use of public transport, comprehensive food labelling, and a “healthy” agricultural policy.

Classic FM ready to beat deadline

By Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent

THE fate of Classic FM, provisionally awarded the first independent national radio licence last month, was still undecided yesterday as urgent negotiations continued late into the night in an effort to secure the £6 million it must have in place by today's Radio Authority deadline.

Classic FM executives were understood to be confident yesterday that all financial guarantees will be in place after a final shareholders' meeting at 6am today.

If the classical music consortium fails to provide the authority with guarantees from its shareholders by noon today, the licence will then be awarded to UK FM, Lord Hanson's easy-listening consortium, which submitted the lowest bid at about £350,000. Classic won the provisional *licence six weeks ago* with a bid of £626,000, after Showtime Radio, the original winner of the non-pop FM licence, failed to secure enough finance to back its £1.75 million bid.

A disagreement between Classic FM's executive and shareholders over Classic's proposed takeover of Jazz FM, the London station, has delayed the signing of the all-important shareholder agreements. David Astor, Classic's chairman, and David Maker, its chief executive, had wanted Classic FM shareholders to join their Jazz FM takeover so significant cost savings might be realised by combining both *stations' operations under one* roof.

But many of Classic's ten main shareholders, including the American media conglomerate Time Warner and the West Country commercial radio group GWR, have refused to put any extra money into the Jazz deal. The shareholders do not wish to consider investing in Jazz FM until the Classic FM licence has been secured.

Meanwhile, Jazz FM shareholders have given the Classic FM executive until the close of business today to come up with the cash. If Mr Maker and Mr Astor, who have been trying since early *July to complete the deal,* fail to win over the Classic investors, they will likely lose Jazz to a rival bidder.

Harvey Goldsmith the concert promoter *is understood to* be interested in bidding for Jazz FM.

It was understood last night that Mr Maker and Mr Astor have agreed to compromise on the jazz deal to win Classic. However, meetings will continue through today to persuade Classic investors to join the Jazz bid.

Wedding role wish comes true

A YOUNG girl's wish to be a bridesmaid *was fulfilled* yesterday, thanks to an appeal in the personal columns of *The Times* (Louise Hidalgo writes).

Lydia Waine, *aged eight,* dressed in lavender-blue silk, took her place alongside two other bridesmaids and a pageboy at the wedding in a Northamptonshire village of Janice Bromwich and Angus Hudson, who sent the much-desired invitation after reading Lydia's appeal earlier this year.

“She has been running about like a cat on a hot tin roof for the last week,” said Lydia's father, Stephen Waine, who placed the notice on her behalf. “I could think of no other way of achieving it. She's been desperate to be a bridesmaid for years, but we had no family about to tie the *knot.” Lydia has* also received the promise of an invitation to be bridesmaid for an English woman who lives in France.

ADRIAN BROOKS

On duty: Lydia in her bridesmaid's outfit yesterday

Greenbelt golf course hits hazard

John Young reports on a dispute between a parish council and golf developers that might help to clarify warring interests in the countryside

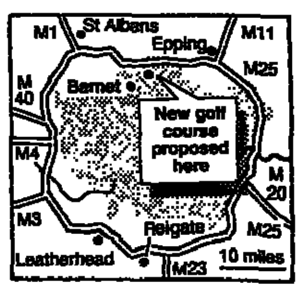
IN A case that could have important implications for the future of redundant farmland, a parish council in Hertfordshire is seeking to *prevent the construction of* a golf course and to create instead what it claims would be the first new public common this century.

Colesdale Farm occupies just over 200 acres of rather unkempt greenbelt land near Potters Bar. Last July, Welwyn Hatfield district council gave outline planning permission to Grosvenor Golf Ltd for an 18-hole championship-standard course, which would include extensive tree planting and the construction of lakes and other water features.

The company claims that its proposals would enhance a somewhat barren landscape. It would broadly retain the existing contours, would not fell any trees and would benefit wildlife and nature conservation. The *private golf course would* have a maximum of 800 member shareholders and would not include any other developments.

The company says the plan meets all the criteria laid down by the district and county councils, and would have no significant effect on traffic or local residents. It says there is a proven need for more golf courses in the area; all local clubs are oversubscribed.

But Lynn Cawthron, clerk of Northaw and Cuffley parish council, said that, in Hertfordshire alone, between *the beginning of 1988* and April 1991, there were 64 applications for new golf courses or extensions to existing courses on redundant farmland. “*The result* of this change of use is that the complete character of natural medieval meadow and pasture land is being turned into totally inappropriate quasi-urban parkland,” she said.



The council fears that there will be a stream of further applications to turn land over to leisure facilities, and the countryside and its wildlife will be lost.

The council's alternative plan is to build about 30 flats and houses on the two acres now occupied by farm buildings, at a price that would enable young people to stay in the area. The income would allow the remaining *200 acres* to be transformed into common land.

The plan envisages the creation of new wetlands, pasture and meadows, restoring old ponds and regenerating the stream which runs along the valley. There would be large areas of broadleaf woodland with footpaths and bridleways.

Mrs Cawthron said that the district council was frightened of creating a precedent by allowing houses to be built in the greenbelt. Government directives state that golf courses are an *acceptable use* for redundant farmland, on the grounds that it can, if necessary, be restored to agricultural use at a later date.

Mrs Cawthron said that the land proposed for housing was already occupied by buildings, and that the parish council's plans followed the “footprint” principle of staying within existing confines. “In an ideal world, we would like to do away with all buildings on the site, but realistically we have to find some way of raising the money,” she said.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Vain protest: Dave Nellist (left) and Terry Fields at the head of a demonstration against their suspension at Brighton yesterday

WAR ON MILITANT

Decision to suspend MPs is supported

By Philip Webster and John Winder

THE Labour conference in Brighton opened yesterday with a massive endorsement for the leadership's decision to suspend two Militant-supporting MPs from the party and bar them from the conference.

A last-minute appeal from Terry Fields, MP for Liverpool Broadgreen, and David Nellist, MP for Coventry South-East, was rejected as a motion condemning their suspension was defeated by 4,630,000 to 523,000 in the first card vote of the conference.

The suspensions, the culmination of Neil Kinnock's eight-year battle to rid Labour of the Trotskyist sect, were endorsed after an acrimonious debate at the opening of the conference.

An emergency motion, tabled by Norwood local Labour party, condemned the NEC action and demanded immediate lifting of the suspensions. Opening the debate, Kath Crosby, Norwood, said the motion was simple. Basically it said: "Stop it. Stop this witch hunt."

She praised Mr Nellist and Mr Fields for their hard work for their constituents, pointing out that they had been selected, elected and reselected. She accused the leadership of responding to the demands of the Tories and the media.

Dave Griffiths, from Coventry South-East, said that the attacks on Dave Nellist and Terry Fields were reversions to the Stalinism of the Thirties. And he warned that if candidates were imposed on Coventry South-East and the neighbouring South-West constituency, Labour would lose those seats at the election.

Barry Navarro, from Liverpool Broadgreen, who was not nominated by the local party to appear as its delegate, was heckled when he spoke in support of the NEC.

He said the issue was not about witch hunts, but about the traditions of the Labour party. One tradition was keeping the party free from organisations such as Militant.

He said that Mr Fields, in pamphlets circulated in Liverpool, did not even refer to himself as a Labour MP. He had spoken of "our programme" when he meant Militant's programme.

The two MPs, banned from the conference centre, put their own case at a series of meetings, rallies and a march in Brighton over the weekend organised in their defence. Mr Nellist and Mr Fields appealed to delegates arriving for the conference in a joint statement. They said: "Our suspension from holding party office, together with banning us from party conference, is a shameful capitulation to the incessant demands of Chris Patten [chairman of the Conservative party] and the Tory press."

They added: "This issue is not just about two individual MPs. It concerns whether Labour remains a working class party committed to socialist principles, or ditches everything it traditionally stood for and embraces the market economy."

Mr Kinnock said before the conference that the MPs had been barred "for the very simple reason that our constitution lays it down that if people are suspended because they are being referred to the national constitutional committee, then they are suspended from holding office in the party". He added: "That does not prevent them being Members of Parliament but it does mean they are not candidates for that period and it does mean they cannot hold the office of delegate, even *ex-officio*.

"The consequence is that we are acting completely in line with the constitution that is not only recognised as democratic by the party but has also been acknowledged to be democratic by the courts."

The Conservative chairman's intervention, with a list of 25 other MPs he is urging Mr Kinnock to investigate, was the target of several of the speeches at the protest meetings.

Block vote falls below 5 million

Trade unions' block votes within the Labour party have fallen below five million for what is thought to be the first time since the 1970s, with the largest decline — a 28 per cent drop — being recorded by the National Union of Mineworkers.

Figures published by Labour yesterday showed that overall the trade union block vote fell by 417,000 over the year, or almost 8 per cent, and now stands at 4.93 million.

Fixed-term plea

Fixed-term parliaments were backed yesterday by Merlyn Rees, the former Labour home secretary. The government was suffering from indecision while doubt remained over an election date, he told a Cooperative Movement fringe meeting.

Economic call

Fifty MPs, MEPs, trade unionists and economists yesterday launched an economic programme calling for reductions of £7 billion in defence spending, restrictions on the movement of capital abroad, exchange regulation and increased public ownership.

DEFENCE POLICY

Review will look at further cuts

By Michael Evans, defence correspondent

A LABOUR government would carry out a total reassessment of Britain's defence commitments, which could lead to substantially bigger cuts in the number of British troops in Germany and a smaller navy, Martin O'Neill, the shadow defence secretary, said yesterday.

He also admitted, for the first time, that Labour's plan to cancel the fourth Trident ballistic missile submarine was not sacrosanct. "We would have to look again if it was going to cost more to cancel it than build it," he said.

Labour is now committed to keeping Trident, while taking part in multinational negotiations to reduce nuclear weapons. Following the nuclear arms package announced by President Bush, which included a call to ban land-based multiple-warhead missiles, Mr O'Neill said Labour might consider the possibility of arming the Trident missiles with only single warheads. Under present plans, they will have up to eight warheads.

Mr O'Neill said he believed that the government's plans to reduce British troop levels in Germany from 55,000 to about 25,000 did not go far enough. Labour would consider a much smaller presence.

In an interview with *The Times*, he also cast doubt on the planned Nato rapid reaction corps, which is to be led by a British commander. "The terms of reference are not at all clear," he said. The idea of Nato forces having to hold back an advance from the east was hardly credible.

Mr O'Neill has taken a more cautious line on defence than some of his cabinet colleagues. His failure to attack the government's announcement in July on cuts in the army and amalgamation of regiments was reported to have caused some irritation, not least with Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary.

However, this apparent reluctance to go for the defence secretary's throat was partly explained when Mr O'Neill admitted: "I think it's possible to operate the army on the figures Tom King announced [cutting the army from 156,000 to 116,000]." But he disputed Mr King's view that an army of this size could carry out the same number of commitments.

The government has accused Labour of planning to cut the defence budget by £6 billion. Mr O'Neill declined to be drawn, but said that it was possible "that further cuts could be made in the navy and air force.

EUROPE

Drive to get out of the slow lane

By Peter Mulligan

A LABOUR government will move Britain out of "the slow lane" of Europe when the presidency of the council of ministers falls to this country next year, a senior party figure said yesterday.

George Robertson, spokesman on European affairs, said Labour was "deeply engaged" in plans for the six months' presidency which begins in July. He said that the social dimension would be placed centre stage, prominence given to a stronger European environmental policy and a realistic target set for new community members.

However, elsewhere at the conference Labour's pro-Europe stance was savagely criticised. Ron Leighton, the MP and chairman of the Commons employment committee, described the social charter, lauded by the party, as having been so watered down it was virtually meaningless.

Recalling how trade unionists applauded its contents as outlined by Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, he said: "We have been deceived. We have been lied to." He complained that there had been no proper debate on Europe within the party which, he said was sleepwalking towards integration.

But Mr Robertson said a Labour Britain would "campaign and negotiate for objectives broader than those being put forward just now".

Conference diary

Veteran Benn awaits verdict

The Labour party is nothing if not sentimental, and even right-wingers will weep crocodile tears into their pints if Tony Benn fails to be re-elected this year to the national executive committee under the new one person, one vote, system.

Those at Saturday night's rally for the suspended Militant sympathiser MPs, Dave Nellist and Terry Fields, heard a vintage performance by the 67-year-old *enfant terrible*. It was Labour that had changed, Mr Benn said, not he. Going back to George Lansbury, he insisted that the Labour movement was made up of deep commitments and that it was important to keep a marxist tradition in it. Marx was no more to blame for what had happened in the Soviet Union than Christ was for the Inquisition. And so on . . .

But did Mr Benn already sense that an era may be ending? He told the assembled collection of Militants, media, suspended councillors and Walworth Road spies that he had served on the national executive since 1959, adding: "I must have served longer than anyone in the history of the party".

According to Dennis Skinner, a dissident's life can be distinctly uncomfortable. With only Mr Benn, Mr Skinner and, occasionally, the trade unionist Bill Connor to keep the red flag flying on the national executive, the Bolsover left-winger disclosed at a fringe meeting that he has frequently to restrain his older ally from leaving meetings to visit the gents, in case a vote comes up while he is away.

Our researches have failed to discover whether Mr Benn has responded by taking his tea in something smaller than the pint mugs that he used to favour. But all of us have to make sacrifices for our causes . . .

Mr Benn, by the way, has lost nothing in energy. According to the conference programme, he is once again down to speak at more fringe meetings than anyone, a total of ten. Second, with eight original listings, is the no-longer-feared Ken Livingstone, matched by the amiable Clare Short.

Most of Mr Benn's bookings covering such topics as disarmament and "justice for mineworkers". However, one, an anthology of dissent in words and music, is intriguingly titled "The writing on the wall".

Ron Leighton, the anti-marketeer MP, suggested to a fringe meeting yesterday that the Labour party could be wound up after European integration because it would be powerless to decide anything. Austin Mitchell, the chairman, found this too pessimistic. "We would still have to meet every year," he said. "To expel people." And, pointing to Leighton, he added: "Perhaps you."

Kinnock strategy puts emphasis on difference

As Labour delegates convene in Brighton for the last time before a general election, **Robin Oakley** weighs the issues confronting the party and its efforts to boost its image as the fast-track party on Europe

Labour strategists are seeking to send out two messages from this week's party conference. The first is that Labour is now a "fast-track" party on Europe, determined that Britain will no longer bump along the bottom of EC league tables on growth and training and welfare provision. The second is: "Watch how Neil Kinnock runs the Labour party to see how he will run the country."

Shadow ministers and MPs agree that they have had strokes of luck. Two issues on which Labour remains vulnerable, according to opinion poll evidence, are its connections with the unions, which provide much of its finance, and a slight remaining fuzziness on defence.

But President Bush's latest initiative has pushed defence even further down the scale of issues likely to run between now and the election. "We are almost the only people left believing in keeping a finger on the button," one senior official joked on Saturday night. The series of disclosures from the murky world of Conservative finance about huge individual gifts to the Tory party by a miscellany of the (sometimes temporarily) super-rich has taken the sting out of any attacks on Labour's debts to union paymasters.

The party has been heartened by climbing back to level pegging in the polls after a Tory surge and by deeper poll evidence that it is running ahead of the Conservatives on a majority of policy issues, including, in some polls, the ability to raise the living standards of the people.

There is some satisfaction too that the Tory attack at present is unfocused, with some ministers attacking Labour for still having the same old principles and others claiming that what is wrong is that Neil Kinnock and his team have abandoned those principles. Not that Labour is perfectly focused either: it seems uncertain whether to attack the prime minister's citizen's charter as narrow consumerism or to claim that Mr Kinnock thought of it first. As for the problem of Mr Kinnock's personal ratings, the party is happy to shrug it aside. Senior figures point out that Labour's latest recovery has come about since public attention was switched on to Mr Kinnock and his abilities. It was while he was quietly tucked away in Tuscany that he suffered.

But there is an acknowledgment for all that that Labour needs to fill in some holes this week. They do not want to look as though they are responding to Paddy Ashdown's charge that they are now a conservative party while only the Liberal Democrats are radicals. But they do see the need to demonstrate that Labour exists as something other than a machine for winning power as an alternative to the Tories. They are nervous of taunts that in their eagerness to demonstrate that the Treasury is safe in their hands they are offering only a tame, reheated Thatcherism.

Roy Hattersley's comment in yesterday's *Observer* that "We cannot defeat bad ideas with no ideas at all" was not an oblique attack on Mr Kinnock's leadership, merely a recycling of what Mr Hattersley said to justify the Labour policy review. But it acknowledged that Labour has yet to excite people with a distinctive new vision or to crisp up the detail of its policies in a way that propels people positively towards a ballot box.

Hattersley: onslaught on bad ideas

To that end, Mr Kinnock will this week make it "*vive la différence*" where there is a difference to emphasise. He will attempt to spell out precisely how life would change under Labour, indicating what will figure in a Labour Queen's speech which he still believes could be delivered in the second week in November. There will be both negatives — the abolition of poll tax, the reversal of hospital opt-outs — and the positives: a new tax structure, devolution for Scotland and Wales, a freedom of information act, the boosting of private investment in transport.

But it is a measure of how far Labour has come that the biggest emphasis will be on Europe. "We stand or fall by our conduct in Europe" said one senior source. "In every area of economic and social life we aspire to the best in Europe. We are committed to the fast-track".

Arguing that the Tories will remain ambivalent and divided on Europe (and ignoring the grumbles in their own ranks from people such as Peter Shore), Labour now plans to set out its credentials as a European party prepared to equip British industry to compete post 1992 and to give Britons the opportunity to benefit from Europe.

The Social Charter, it is argued, has bonded Labour on Europe. It is a bond which could come under strains quite as severe as those in the Tory party in the time of a Labour government. But for the moment it will serve as one answer to that "What is the difference ?" question.

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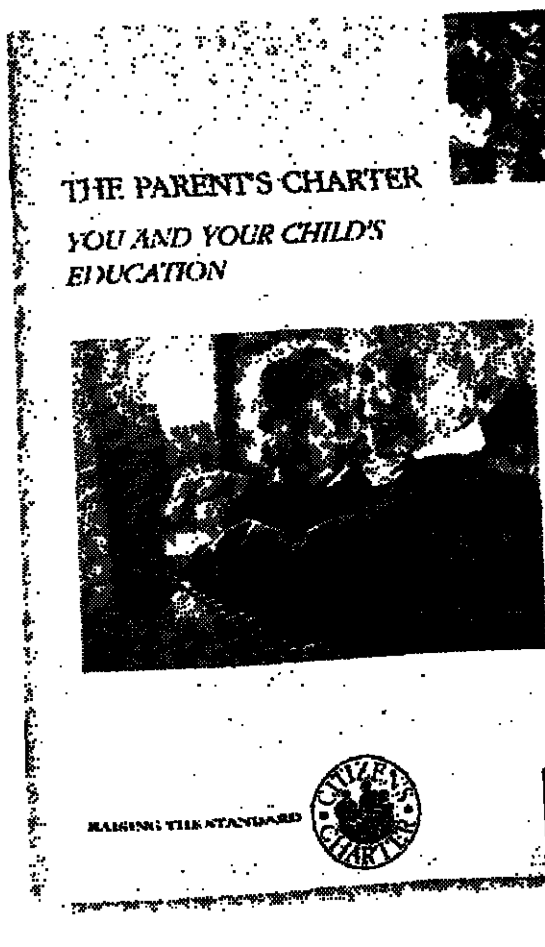

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Israeli alarm grows as Arafat gets PLO vote for peace talks

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

ISRAEL appeared to be thrown on the defensive yesterday after the decision by Palestinian leaders at the weekend to participate in the proposed Middle East peace talks next month.

As Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, savoured the unusual sensation of international respectability, and praise from James Baker, the US secretary of state, the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, questioned Washington's impartiality as honest broker at the talks. His supporters floated the idea of an early general election. Mr Arafat, who is expected to meet King Husain of Jordan in the coming days to finalise details of the joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation at the talks, was so enthusiastic about his mandate from the Palestine National Council in Algiers that he even suggested the reopening of a dialogue with the Bush administration.

His new-found confidence came after the council endorsed, with a vote of 313 to 18, a policy statement opening the way to Palestinian participation at next month's conference. In addition, the members dropped earlier preconditions and removed Abul Abbas, the radical leader of the Palestine Liberation Front responsible for last year's failed seaborne attack against Israel, from the PLO's executive committee.

The victory by Palestinain moderates will greatly enhance Mr Arafat's stature internationally. The decision was also hailed by Palestinian students in the Israeli occupied territories.

There was no immediate American reaction to the resignation of Mr Abbas yesterday, although Mr Baker said on Saturday that he was glad "any time we see support for the prospect of trying to create a peace process in the Middle East". He saw Middle Eastern officials in New York last week while they were at the United Nations for a foreign affairs speech by President Bush. Over the weekend, State Department officials said there were no plans for Mr Baker to meet Palestinian leaders in Washington this week. Such a meeting, however, cannot by ruled out since the issue of Palestinian representation in the proposed peace talks remains a key stumbling block after it derailed Mr Baker's attempts to broker negotations last year.

Although the news of Mr Abbas's removal was dismissed by Israeli circles as "irrelevant" because the PLO is considered a banned terrorist organisation by Israel, the Palestinian move none the less brought an embattled Israeli leadership one step closer to a peace conference it seems reluctant to attend.

"I have many doubts if it (the US) will be able to fulfil this task (of honest broker) because of its recent behaviour," Mr Shamir said yesterday. "But there is no better candidate." He was reflecting the growing realisation in Israel that Mr Baker will soon be in the region issuing invitations to a conference at which Israel will be expected to make territorial compromises.

Hostage release process falters

From ADAM KELLIHER IN DAMASCUS

MOMENTUM towards the release of the remaining eight Western hostages in Lebanon, hundreds of Arab prisoners held by Israel, and six missing Israelis appears to have slowed after the freeing of Jack Mann last week.

Participants in the hostage bargaining — United Nations mediators, Iran, Israel and their proxies — have been conspicuously silent since Mr Mann's release, after weeks of statements. Giandomenico Picco, the special envoy appointed by Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, to negotiate the phased releases, was reported by diplomats to be in the region pursuing another breakthrough.

Yesterday marked the passing of one reported release deadline: that of Joseph Cicippio, an American hostage, aged 61, a former accountant at the American University of Beirut, who is now the sole prisoner of Mr Mann's jailers, the Revolutionary Justice Organisation. The end of his incarceration had been expected after a correspondent for the *Tehran Times* quoted "certain sources" in southern Lebanon as saying that an American would be freed on Friday. The Iranian newspaper has been generally reliable in its reporting on behind-the-scenes manoeuvring within Hezbollah, the Tehran-funded umbrella organisation to which the various kidnapping groups are believed to belong.

But moves towards freeing more Arab detainees seemed stymied with Israel's allegation on Wednesday that Iran had failed to deliver information on Ron Arad, one of its six servicemen listed as missing in Lebanon. Mr Arad, who was shot down in October 1986, is thought to be the only one of the six still alive. According to some reports he is being held by a pro-Iranian revolutionary group.

Defiant stand: Imelda Marcos, the former first lady of the Philippines, declaring at a press conference in Honolulu her intention to return home with the body of her husband, Ferdinand Marcos, after winning an extension of her travel documents from the Philippines' government. Franklin Drilon, President Aquino's chief aide, extended Mrs Marcos's one-way travel permit, due to expire on October 5, by 30 days. But Mr Drilon said the ban on the body of the former president remained. The government would suspend the landing rights of any carrier that tried to fly the body from Hawaii, where Marcos died in September 1989. James Linn, an attorney for Mrs Marcos, said that she had deferred her return after the extension and planned to go back on about October 19. *(AP)*

Art deco rules Damascus fast lane

Huge US cars from Detroit's golden age remain among the classiest drives in the Syrian capital, **Adam Kelliher** writes

THE 1947 Dodge once again roared into life to carry another load of passengers along the streets of Damascus. "Yes, by God. It has a very strong engine. Everything American is strong. Look at George Bush," sighed Muhammad Masri, as he methodically guided his battered yellow vehicle through the Syrian capital's traffic jams.

Mr Masri's car is about 18ft long and able to sit 12 people at a pinch in its three bench seats. It was designed more for Hank and Ethel from Cincinnati than for Abdul from Aleppo, but the durability of Midwestern steel has ensured that the many fine cars from Detroit in Syria are still in good shape.

Draconian import laws over the years have compelled Syrians to keep cars running that were brought in during a more lenient era. Only Syrians with wealth or influence can afford or evade the taxes, which bring the price of a new Mercedes to $150,000 (£87,000). However, many vehicles are now being sneaked in from Lebanon, where anarchy has kept prices down, and Syrian streets are gradually losing their strange atmosphere of an old Chicago gangster movie.

Most of the surviving items are taxis, yellow-painted cars that drive along pre-arranged routes, stopping for whoever flags them down or whenever there is a spare seat. Drivers are usually chain-smoking characters, who flop an arm out of the window to signal to vehicles less endowed with steel that they intend to slice across traffic lanes.

The taxis have mutated in a distinctly Arab way. Prayer beads dangle from the mirrors, and some seats are draped with Persian-style rugs. Quotes from the Koran are plastered across the dashboard.

Keeping the cars running requires ingenuity and a cottage industry has sprung up in certain areas of Damascus where grime-covered young men work to fashion replicas of parts discontinued in America decades ago. When these are not available the entire innards are replaced, leaving only the outer body as "made in America".

Replacements mostly come from Yokohama and Essen. However, economics, mechanical skills and sentimentality will ensure that the streets of Syria will still carry the hefty but glorious examples of their work.

"It has been working morning until evening 10 hours a day for nearly 50 years," said Ali Hassan, who drives a 1945 Pontiac, replete with an art deco aeroplane on its prow. "You come back in 50 years and it will still be working."

Colonel murdered priests

San Salvador — An army colonel has been found guilty of murdering six Jesuit priests, their housekeeper and her daughter, aged 15, in El Salvador in 1989.

Colonel Guillermo Benavides was the first senior military officer to be convicted in El Salvador in a human rights case. A jury also found Lieutenant Yusshy Mendoza guilty of one murder and acquitted seven members of the armed forces in the three-day trial. Benavides and Mendoza could go to jail for 30 years. *(Reuter)*

Emergency ends

Algiers — A four-month state of emergency in Algeria has been lifted by the government. It was imposed after bloody riots by Muslim *fundamentalists* delayed legislative elections. There have been no political disturbances for several weeks as the government and opposition try to reschedule elections. *(AP)*

Support march

Hong Kong — China staged its first military parade since 1984 in an apparent move by the armed forces to reaffirm support for Peking's Communist leaders. More than 1,300 soldiers, led by He Qizong, a deputy chief of general staff, took part in a four-hour parade through Canton. *(AP)*

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Republic move

Port Louis — Mauritius plans to become a republic, replacing the Queen as head of state, with a president but remaining in the Commonwealth. The announcement was made by Sir Veerasamy Ringadoo, governor-general of the island, in a speech opening the new parliament. *(Reuter)*

Byzantine hoard

Istanbul — Workmen have dug up 300 Byzantine gold coins while repairing the sewage system in the Turkish town of Diyarbakir. Security officers moved in to investigate the possibility of theft after the coins, up to 1,500 years old and engraved with human figures, were unearthed. *(Reuter)*

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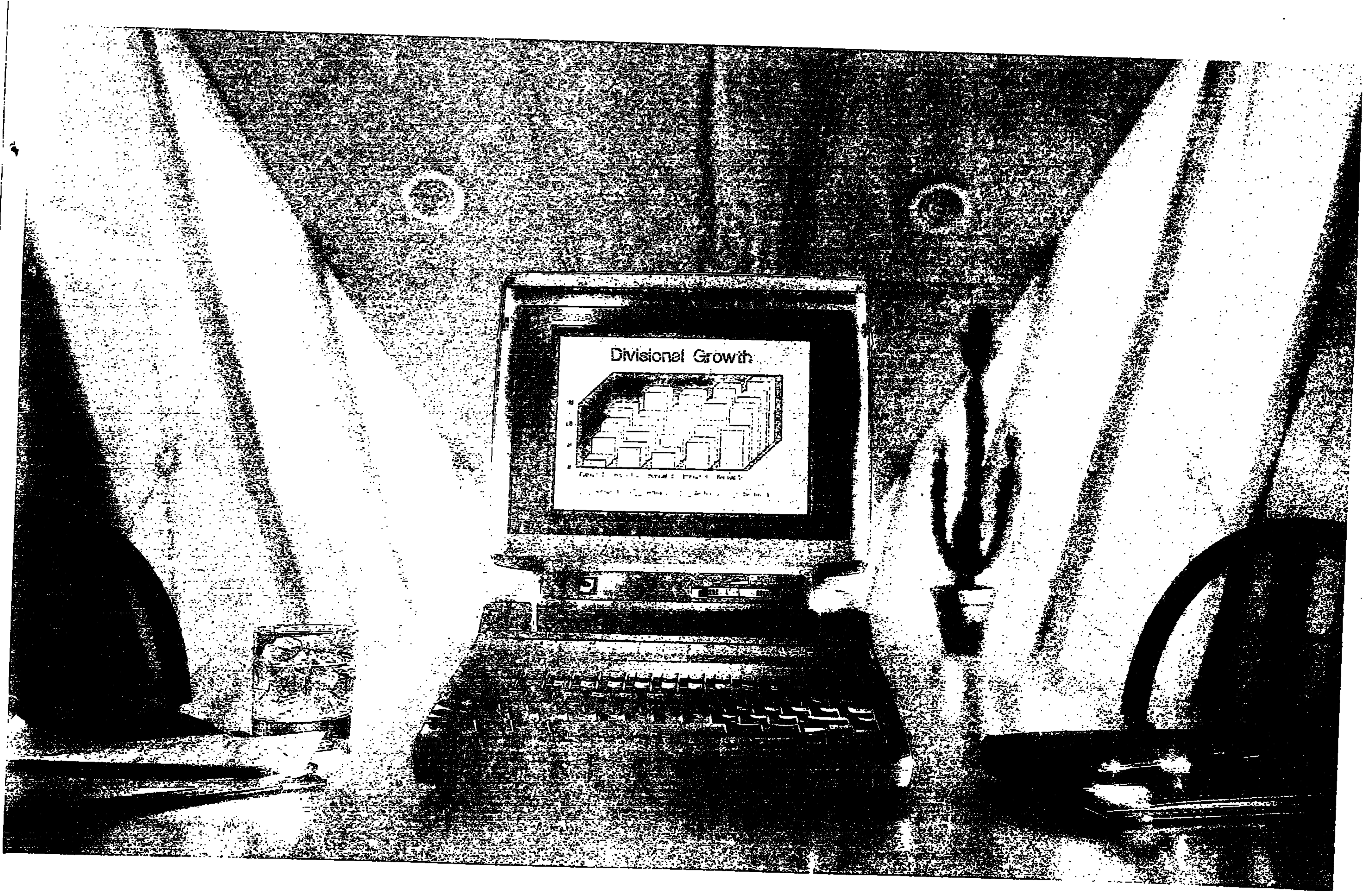

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Lukewarm Moscow response to US nuclear initiative underlines Soviet lack of central control

Bush offer highlights vacuum in the Kremlin

Demands by Russia and the other republics for a greater say in nuclear arms control has further isolated the Kremlin, writes **Charles Bremner**

BY OFFERING a lukewarm response to President Bush's initiative on nuclear arms control, President Gorbachev has demonstrated the growing political vacuum that surrounds him and the uncertainties now afflicting the command of the Soviet armed forces and their nuclear weapons.

Until the failed coup last month, Mr Gorbachev's main defence concern was dissent among hardline senior army officers over the speed of withdrawal from Europe and moves to reduce the size of their forces. Since then, the disintegration of the centre and the notion of the Soviet state, has forced the military, now under the control of the reform-minded Marshal Yevgeni Shaposhnikov, to accept that it faces imminent transformation into a far smaller professional army.

In an unprecedented step last Thursday, General Vladimir Lobov, the Soviet chief of staff, summoned foreign military attaches in Moscow for a briefing. He told them of difficulties in ensuring funding for union-wide armed forces and suggested that "one or two service branches" of the armed forces should be eliminated. During the past week, other senior military and political leaders have multiplied appeals for further disarmament talks with the United States. Moscow-based experts, both Soviet and foreign, noted yesterday that a substantial chunk of the unilateral arms cuts announced by President Bush on Friday in fact responded to proposals made by Soviet officials who are intent on tightening control on nuclear weapons and staunching the flow of money to the defence industry.

General Lobov said that he had been urging his superiors to negotiate the scrapping of battlefield nuclear weapons, of which the Soviet union has thousands deployed across its territory, in Russia and the other republics. Mr Bush announced the elimination of these on Friday. Mr Bush's call for big cuts in silo-based heavy missiles is more tricky because the Soviet Union regards them as the central pillar of its nuclear deterrent, unlike America which places more reliance on submarine-based weapons.

However, Western officials were surprised that Mr Gorbachev failed to respond more warmly, given that part of Mr Bush's purpose was to help to reduce the nuclear weapons stationed in the outlying republics, notably the Ukraine and Kazakhstan, which house heavy missile silos, and Belorussia which has mobile missiles as well as battlefield weapons. The Americans, as well as the Kremlin, have been alarmed at suggestions in recent weeks from the Ukraine and Kazakhstan that they should have a say in the disposal of weapons on their territory. On top of that, officials of the Russian Federation have now begun talking of Russia sharing nuclear command with the central armed forces. This new element is already beginning to outdate US concern that control of the nuclear arsenal remain firmly in the hands of "Moscow".

Over the past week, Russian officials have begun suggesting that the "centre" may, in fact, play little more than a co-ordinating role in foreign policy. The most striking exegesis of this theory came from Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian foreign minister. Because of its size and history, "Russia is doomed to the status of a great power", with a corresponding role in diplomacy, he said. Its duty now lay in ridding itself of its huge defence industry and converting itself into a Western-style democratic state. The facilities of the Soviet foreign ministry, it is now being suggested, would largely have to be given over to the individual representations of Russia and the other republics.

● **Peking** — China yesterday welcomed President Bush's initiative to reduce nuclear weapons, but gave no sign of slashing its own arsenal. The New China news agency quoted a foreign ministry spokesman as saying that China had always advocated nuclear disarmament, and the complete prohibition and destruction of nuclear weapons. *(Reuter)*

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Disarming influence: President Bush greeting supporters as he arrived at Sea Island, Georgia, for a short break after proposing nuclear arms cuts

Bold moves have proved catalysts to arms treaties

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

PRESIDENT Bush's offer to make unilateral cuts in American nuclear weapons is the equivalent of a shot in the dark. There are no written guarantees that the Soviet Union will follow suit. Nor does anyone in Washington know with any degree of confidence whether a meaningful response from the Soviet Union will even be possible because of the proliferation of new power structures. No wonder President Gorbachev's initial reaction has been muted.

However, throughout the history of arms control which is littered with appalling breakdowns in relations and moments of high drama, it is the bold move by one side or the other which has helped to generate real change in thinking. The most notable examples were: the agreement by President Gorbachev and President Reagan to cut strategic missiles by 50 per cent (sadly, not achieved in the strategic arms reduction treaty) and eliminate all chemical weapons; Mr Gorbachev's decision in 1989 to cut the Soviet armed forces by 500,000 and withdraw 10 tank divisions from Eastern Europe; and the agreement to go for the famous "zero option", removing all intermediate-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

Without political gestures and political will, conventional and nuclear arms negotiations would have followed the appalling example of the mutual and balanced force reductions (MBFR) talks on cutting conventional weapons, which after about 13 years achieved nothing but exasperation and suspicion. Yet as soon as MBFR had been wrapped up, the very real possibility of reductions in force levels in the central region of Europe emerged with the start of the conventional forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna.

ARMS CONTROL

☐**1969: Salt I talks begin in Helsinki.**

☐**1972:Salt I signed by Nixon and Brezhnev.**

☐**1975: Salt II talks begin in Geneva.**

☐**1979: Salt II signed by Carter and Brezhnev.**

☐**1981: Reagan offers zero option for intermediate-range missiles.**

☐**1981: Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) talks begin in Geneva.**

☐**1987: INF treaty signed by Reagan and Gorbachev.**

☐**1991:Start treaty signed by Bush and Gorbachev.**

Arms control has always been seen in the past as a long term affair. Strategic arms talks (Salt I, Salt II and Start) took more than 20 years to produce a package that actually promised cuts rather than limits to the superpower arsenals.

Salt I started in November 1969 in Helsinki in the Nixon administration. Salt II was signed but never ratified in 1979 after years of negotiations.

Start, which took 12 years, was signed in July this year. Even Marshal Dmitri Yazov, the disgraced former Soviet defence minister, agreed that the Start agreement was a balanced treaty. The deal involves reducing Soviet missiles and bombers by 900, 36 per cent of the present inventory, and cutting Soviet warheads by 4,271, or 42 per cent. The American equivalent reductions will involve 622 missiles and bombers, or 28 per cent, and 4,371 warheads, or 423 per cent. Moscow has indicated it will reduce the number of intercontinental ballistic missiles by about 400 missiles (30 per cent) and its submarine-launched missiles by 500 missiles (about 50 per cent), with practically no reduction in heavy bombers.

But the ponderous negotiations which have led to these significant achievements are now being overtaken by events. Just as the conventional arms talks were almost sidelined by the political developments in Eastern Europe, especially the reunification of Germany, so the nuclear debate is now being dictated by the break-up of the Soviet Union and the need for the West, in particular the United States, to set a new arms control agenda.

President looks for poll boost on home front

From SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush yesterday began to reap domestic rewards for his decision to announce the biggest unilateral cuts in nuclear arms by either superpower.

The positive public response was reflected in the titles of three morning television programmes: *The President's Bold Proposal*; *New Challenges for the Bush Agenda*; and *The US Military and the New World Order*.

Mr Bush made his surprise announcement on sweeping arms cuts in a hastily-arranged address to the nation on Friday night after details of his plans began leaking out as he started to inform his allies, including John Major. Yesterday, the US military completed the first step when it removed 40 long-range bombers and long-range missiles from 24-hour alert.

The plan was widely expected to scotch persistent criticism of Mr Bush as a man who follows well but is reluctant to take a lead. "No more 'Trust, but verify' a la Ronald Reagan'," said *The New York Times*, which is usually sparing in its praise of Mr Bush. "The new American operating mode is to challenge and exhort."

Mr Bush's proposals, including an offer to negotiate with the Soviet Union for sharp cuts in the most lethal varieties of arms, are an attempt by Mr Bush to impose his stamp on the world after the Cold War. The package was the first major shift in US defence policy to take into account a diminished Soviet threat to Europe after the failed Kremlin coup last month. The move also developed the theme of his speech to the United Nations last week when he said that Washington should "provide the inspiration for lasting peace".

Despite a coolly favourable reaction from Mikhail Gorbachev over the weekend, the Bush Administration is hoping that Moscow will match the American cuts. Mr Bush wants the proposals to lead to cuts in multi-warhead strategic missiles that far exceed those negotiated under a recent US-Soviet accord to reduce sharply the number of strategic arms (Start). American officials played down the Soviet response as expected, given the lack of orchestration beforehand.

"There was too much to respond to in 24 hours," said Brent Scowcroft, the White House national security adviser and chief architect of the historic changes. Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, briefing reporters on Saturday, said the collapsing Soviet economy gave "no choice but to significantly cut back on their military capabilities".

Britain to press ahead on Trident

By MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE British government has emphasised that its plan to buy Trident, the strategic missile replacement for Polaris, will be unaffected by President Bush's nuclear arms announcement last week.

Tom King, the defence secretary, said Britain retained only a minimum deterrent which was based on the principle of having one ballistic missile submarine on patrol. Although the deterrent fleet consists of four boats, the other three are always either in refit, training or preparing to be next on patrol.

As President Bush made clear on Friday, submarine-launched missiles with multiple warheads, such as the eight-warhead Trident, are excluded from his package of proposals. John Major would have sought reassurance on that point before giving his wholehearted support to Mr Bush's initiative. The government will have the option of putting up to eight warheads on each missile, but there is no likelihood of filling each missile tube with the maximum firepower.

Although Trident's future appears to be sound in the short term, President Gorbachev has already asked whether Mr Bush's proposals will include the British and French deterrents. The sale of American Trident missiles to Britain has been a controversial issue for the Soviet Union since the agreement was signed in the early 1980s.

The government clearly has no intention of putting Trident on to the negotiating table. But to show that Britain is willing to play its part in the new initiative, Royal Navy warships will no longer "routinely" carry nuclear depth charges and the short-range missiles and nuclear-tipped artillery shells operated by British forces in Germany will be returned to their owners, the United States.

British units operate 12 Lance nuclear missile launchers with about 70 missiles in Germany. The warheads are all American-owned. Defence sources said there was no timetable for the return of the missiles to America but steps to remove nuclear warheads from warships had begun.

Mr King also emphasised that Britain would go ahead with replacing the ageing free-fall nuclear bomb, carried by Tornado bombers, with a new tactical air-launched missile. The government considers that there is still a requirement for a sub-strategic system. However, according to sources, the new missile would be kept in Britain and not deployed in Germany.

Army chief dismissed by Mobutu

From REUTER
IN KINSHASA

PRESIDENT Mobutu dismissed his army chief of staff as a dispute flared yesterday over how to form a government that might halt the Zaire's slide towards chaos.

Military sources said the president had ordered a restructuring of the armed forces after soldiers led much of the looting last week. State radio said 117 people were killed and more than 150 injured in the unrest. The sources said that, because of General Manzembe Mayibanga's failure to control the armed forces, he had been replaced by the head of military intelligence, General Mahele Liyeko. State radio later confirmed the change. President Mobutu, arriving for a meeting yesterday with opposition leaders to discuss the formation of an emergency government, was mobbed by about 100 delegates from a national conference that is supposed to chart the path to democracy. The delegates were annoyed at being left out of the talks and said the 3,000-strong national conference, due to meet on tomorrow, should instead be responsible for choosing the government. "Mobutu and the opposition are plotting together to form a government behind the people's backs," said one delegate.

The president, aged 60, told the delegates: "We would have liked to have waited for the national conference, but the situation is dramatic and we have to go fast." Some of the delegates representing the smaller parties were finally allowed into the meeting.

West Bengal chief vows to keep red flag flying

By MICHAEL HORNSBY

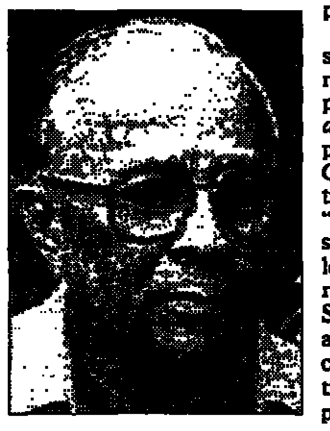
AMONG the few places on earth where the coup attempt against President Gorbachev caused rejoicing last month was Raj Bhavan, the official Calcutta residence of Jyoti Basu, West Bengal's chief minister and one of communism's great survivors. Mr Basu freely admits that his spirits were briefly lifted, though he says he always knew the coup would fail.

"For two days or so there was a kind of euphoria. Some top names in the KGB and military seemed to be in charge of the coup, but it turned out to be just an adventure. In fact, it had the opposite effect to what was intended. I fear we will have to get along with capitalism for a long time ahead," he said during a visit to Britain yesterday, with the air of a man who has learnt the lesson of taking the long view.

Wrong-footed by events abroad, Mr Basu can take comfort from success at home. He has been chief minister of his state since 1977, winning four elections in a row at the head of a left-wing coalition led by his Communist Party of India (Marxist). Since last June's general election he has also had a crucial role in Delhi where the minority government of P. V. Narasimha Rao depends on his support.

A spry and dapper 77-year-old, Mr Basu is in Britain as a guest of the government. In between urging British companies to invest in Calcutta's infrastructure — which he regards as perfectly proper for a marxist in this pre-socialist phase of world history — he has found time for a guided tour of the India Office and the recently restored Durbar Court.

Like those monuments, he too is part of the imperial legacy. As a law student in London from 1935 to 1939, Mr Basu imbibed communism at the knee of Harry Pollitt, Palme Dutt and other British Communist party luminaries. "Those were stirring times — the struggle for Indian independence, the Spanish civil war, Mussolini's seizure of Abyssinia and the Japanese invasion of China. We dreamed then of social justice and a classless society.



Basu: ready to work with capitalists for now

"We thought the capitalist countries would go into decline once they lost their colonies. But because of the tremendous advance of science and technology they were able to overcome their periodic crises, and the ex-colonies have stayed linked to the former imperial rulers by trade and commerce.

"But we still believe capitalist societies cannot provide all the solutions. There is still unemployment and they are better at looking after minority groups than the population as a whole. In most of India we still have a capitalist-feudal system and no proper reforms in the countryside where 80 per cent of Indians live. Industries will only flourish if you can raise the purchasing power of the vast majority."

Mr Basu, who attributes his success in West Bengal to land reforms and the devolution of power to network of *panchayats* (village councils), says his party supported Mr Gorbachev so long as he was trying to pursue reform "within the framework of socialism". But the Soviet leader had allowed things to run out of control and the Soviet Union was falling apart. There was a "mindless clamour for multiparty politics" which offered little prospect of economic improvement for most people.

While he regards himself as beholden neither to Moscow nor to Peking, finding fault with both in their analysis of Indian conditions — "We were always critical, for example, of the emphasis Moscow placed on five-year economic plans" — Mr Basu is saddened by the rush to discard the whole of the Soviet Union's post-1917 history. He even has a good word for Stalin. There were, he delicately allows, "some very negative features" in Stalin's rule. "But we also think he played a positive role in building up a very backward country and binding the different nationalities together."

Mulroney plans pass first test

From JOHN BEST
IN OTTAWA

THE Canadian government's sweeping plan to overhaul the constitution and end a long-standing rift between the predominantly French-speaking Quebec province and the rest of the country has cleared its first, formidable hurdle.

Controversy has centred on proposals calling for the recognition of Quebec as a "distinct society" within the Canadian federation. After studying the 28-point package, Robert Bourassa, the Quebec premier, gave it his qualified blessing. He said in Quebec City that it contained "positive aspects", even though it posed serious risks for Quebec, especially in the economic area. "We will have to see what kind of a deal could be done."

The fact that Mr Bourassa refrained from rejecting the package outright represented an important initial victory for Brian Mulroney's federal Conservative government. A rejection by him — as urged by fervent Quebec nationalists — would have been a certain kiss of death for the federal plan.

Even as things stand, it will take extraordinary goodwill on all sides to forge a compromise fundamental law in time to head off a referendum on sovereignty which Quebec tentatively plans to hold a year from now.

In the nine English-speaking provinces the plan was generally accepted as a useful point of departure for one last attempt at ending Canada's enduring constitutional dispute and turning back the threat of Quebec separation.

New York aficionados mourn Picasso of jazz

From JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK

JAZZ radio stations in New York suspended normal programming at the weekend as though there had been an abrupt change in government, and began playing non-stop the haunting, muted trumpeting of Miles Davis. "We will continue to play Miles until further notice," announced one station, WBGO-FM.

From Manny's Musical Instruments shop in midtown Manhattan to the Village Vanguard club in Greenwich Village, jazz aficionados payed tribute to the most famous trumpeter of his generation, who died on Saturday, aged 65, from pneumonia, respiratory failure and a stroke. "You can really say he turned the whole world of jazz around," said Leonard Feather, an old friend of Davis' and the author of *The Encyclopedia of Jazz*. "He just had a guiding principle: move ahead … don't do what you were doing yesterday."

Sometimes known as the "Picasso of jazz" for his stylistic innovations, Davis came to New York from East St Louis to study at the Juilliard School in 1944. Although his last performance in the Big Apple in June as part of a double bill with B. B. King drew poor reviews — *The New York Times* called it "a particularly bad night" — his loss was universally mourned in the city, where he is regarded alongside such trumpet greats as Louis Armstrong, Dizzy Gillespie and Roy Eldridge.

Davis: restless trumpet innovator who fought illness from sickle cell anaemia through much of his life

The drummer Max Roach, a close friend, said: "He seemed to be able to turn anything into something good. He was musically one of the restless ones, constantly seeking." Lorraine Gordon, the owner of the Village Vanguard where Davis often played, said: "We lost one of the true greats." Manny's Musical Instruments, where Davis shopped, became sombre as the news of his death in California spread.

In his 1989 autobiography, *Miles*, Davis wrote: "To be and stay a great musician you've got to always be open to what's new, what's happening at the moment. You have to be able to absorb it if you're going to continue to grow and communicate your music."

Clark Terry, who brought a teenaged Davis along to jam sessions in St Louis said: "A lot of people thought he was a salty, cool cat. Once you got past that façade of, 'Don't touch me, get away from me,' he was a pussycat."

Davis was plagued by illness much of his life, at various times battling diabetes, pneumonia, a stroke and hip-joint problems caused by sickle cell anaemia. He wrote in his autobiography that he overcame heroin addiction in the 1950s but continued to use cocaine until 1981. Memorial services are planned in New York and St Louis.

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Neo-nazis step up pressure as tide of refugees swells

Battle cry: polls have shown growing support among young people for the neo-nazi purge of refugees

Police fears are growing that violence against immigrants in Germany could get out of control, Ian Murray writes from Bonn

AT LEAST 13 more hostels for foreigners were attacked in Germany over the weekend, as police said that violence was growing nationally and could soon be out of control unless 60,000 more officers were recruited. While politicians continue to argue over ways to stop more refugees arriving, the 143,000 who have come in so far this year live in increasing dread of being beaten up, on the street or in their homes.

The attacks are indiscriminate and cynically brutal. One night last week, the door burst open at the foreigners' hostel in Ueckermünde, a remote town on the Baltic. The black-masked "visitors" were armed with iron bars and they set about beating up the residents. After they left, a Romanian girl, aged three, had to be taken to hospital, her face raw after she was sprayed with a chemical.

A Vietnamese woman, six months pregnant, was attacked after nine youths broke into her flat in Dresden. Two Nigerians are in hospital in Münster after jumping from the second floor of their burning hostel. In Saarlouis earlier this month, a Senegalese was killed in another hostel fire, started deliberately.

Last Friday, a hostel for gypsies at Recklinghausen in the west was wrecked, and accommodation used by Bulgarians, Romanians and Vietnamese was badly damaged at Alteno in the east. On Saturday night 18 refugees had to flee a fire at their hostel in Hanover, while masked raiders smashed up a home in Saarbrücken.

The skinhead neo-nazi gangs have sometimes been encouraged by popular support in areas where there are hostels. During a week-long siege of one home at Hoyerswerda in Saxony, local people clapped and chanted: "Sieg heil" and: "Niggers raus" as the skinheads fought police, hurling petrol bombs, stones and bottles. Yesterday 1,000 people demonstrated against racism there but the Mozambican and Vietnamese refugees had already left, to the cheers of local people.

Now based in the west, one of them told the *Der Spiegel* newspaper: "I would rather die than go back to Saxony." According to Günter Apel, Hamburg's official foreigners' ombudsman, the wave of violence against refugees "is probably the nastiest thing that has happened on German soil" since the 1938 nazi pogrom. As the country prepares to celebrate the first year of German unity on Thursday, a small but organised neo-nazi movement is growing and projecting an ominous, if innaccurate, national image.

The violence grabs the headlines and distorts the picture. A recent poll showed that 79 per cent of east Germans and 70 per cent of west Germans still believe that the country should be ready to grant asylum to all who need it. Spontaneous demonstrations in many cities over the weekend saw hundreds of young people cheered as they marched under banners saying: "Nazi murderers". Local vigilante groups have been established in some areas to help protect the hostels.

At the same time 60 per cent in the west and 68 per cent in the east think that something must be done urgently to stop so many obvious economic refugees arriving. Under the German constitution anyone claiming to be in danger of persecution has the right to stay until the case can be investigated. About 193,000 people took advantage of this last year, compared with just 25,000 who went to Britain or 56,000 who sought refuge in France — Europe's second most welcoming country to refugees. About 230,000 people are expected this year if nothing can be done to stop the flow and most will try to stay even if they are not granted asylum.

Only around 5 per cent of those who arrive in Germany are ultimately found to be genuine cases, but thousands of those rejected manage to stay on, adding to employment and housing problems and increasing social tension. This explains growing tolerance for the violence. One poll showed that 21 per cent in the east and 38 per cent in the west now said they had a real understanding for the radical right tendency. The most disturbing poll findings are those taken from the 16 to 25 age group, where one in three repsondents supported the neo-nazis and one in 20 said the time had come to rebuild a nazi party.

The violence has spread in recent weeks, particularly in the depressed, high-unemployment areas of the east. The problem is, however, nationwide and of the 450 or so attacks reported so far this year, nearly 200 have been in the west. Police are not yet sure whether the majority are copycat incidents or part of a more sinister operation.

While condemning the neo-nazis out of hand, all the main political parties want urgent measures to stop the refugees arriving in such numbers. There are, however, fundamental differences over whether this can be done without amending the constitution and a special committee has been formed to examine whether the borders can be closed to all but genuine cases.

EC ministers seek to avert Maastricht breakdown

From GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN foreign ministers meet here this morning to try to avert a confrontation over the EC's unfinished treaty on political union.

They gather at the start of one of the most difficult weeks in the European Community's history. Besides trying to resolve a paralysing dispute over a new Dutch draft of the political union treaty, they will also discuss the remote possibility of sending an armed peacekeeping force to Yugoslavia. The EC mandate to mediate in the Yugoslav civil war expires on Monday. Although Western European Union officials have been studying options for deploying troops, few governments, if any, will argue today that the conditions are right for military intervention. Britain has strenuously opposed it.

The ministers will also try to break the deadlock over food imports from Eastern Europe. Three weeks ago, the French government blocked a new EC offer to Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary that would have allowed a modest increase in the beef and lamb that the three countries send to the community. French ministers and President Mitterrand, who were the targets of a huge farmers' demonstration in Paris yesterday, have repeatedly suggested that they would work out a compromise formula but no new suggestion had arrived in Brussels by yesterday.

As if this was not enough, staff at the EC Commission are due to strike over pay for two days this week and some ministerial meetings may have to be held without professional interpreters today because of industrial action.

The Dutch ministers and officials met in The Hague yesterday to review their battered ideas on political union. A Dutch draft of the political union treaty was criticised by EC ambassadors when they had their first opportunity to debate the document last Thursday. Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, said yesterday that the Dutch text was negotiable, but he would not withdraw it. He said The Netherlands would persist with the plan despite its initial reception, "because it is very well prepared and we have taken into consideration the opinion of many nations . . . It is not a matter of stubborness. The plan could be improved in some areas, but too many proposals to change it would diminish the chances of agreement at Maastricht."

The draft contains proposals on EC control of foreign policy, criminal justice, immigration and new powers for the European parliament. An increasing number of governments are voicing their concern that the treaty will not be agreed in time for the EC summit in Maastricht in December.

A great deal will depend today on whether Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, will consider a compromise that has been discussed by several governments here. The treaty negotiations would return to the basic framework laid down by the Luxembourg government, which held the EC presidency before The Netherlands. The Dutch text would be "quarried" for ideas and formulas which enjoyed agreement.

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Martens: will stay in power until elections

Flemish ministers resign

From REUTER and AP IN BRUSSELS

WILFRIED Martens, the Belgian prime minister, said yesterday that the Flemish nationalist Volksunie party had withdrawn from the five-party coalition government, but that his administration remained in power.

The coalition has been embroiled in a dispute over arms sales to Saudi Arabia that has split the French and Flemish-speaking communities. The Volksunie refused to back the arms sales.

The two Volksunie ministers have resigned but Mr Martens said after a cabinet meeting that the government as a whole was not quitting. The coalition now contains four parties, Christian Democrats and Socialists from both the French and Flemish-speaking communities. It will continue in office until elections on January 19. The two Volksunie ministers were replaced by a Christian Democrat and a Socialist.

Farmers say it with cheese

From AFP IN PARIS

UNDER the watchful eye of the police, about 150,000 French farmers gathered here yesterday morning to mingle with city dwellers before starting their protest against deteriorating living conditions.

The farmers are angered by European Community plans to open up to former Eastern bloc countries — particularly to meat imports — and French government agricultural policies, including what they say is insufficient compensation after a two-year drought and a 4 per cent budget cut in farming credits. Despite a cheerful start to the day, about 10,000 police, including more than 4,000 riot police, were deployed in Paris.

Farmers from all over the country spread to the 20 districts of Paris offering cheeses, hams, honey and wines to residents and try to explain their plight. Crowds of Parisians turned out to chat with them and taste their produce. The farmers planned later to transform the Cour de Vincennes into a huge village fair and picnic ground before gathering at the nearby Place de la Nation for a four-mile march to the Bastille and République squares and back.

The Socialist government expressed sympathy for the farmers yesterday despite signs in the run-up to the mass rally that the agricultural sector had little use for them. Farmers in northern France last week pelted Laurent Fabius, the former prime minister and parliament speaker, with rotten eggs, and their clashes with security forces forced President Mitterrand to cancel an appearance in Nièvre, central France.

Philippe Marchand, the interior minister, sounded almost apologetic when he told a radio station that although he was convinced the demonstration would take place "in a calm and dignified manner", the large number of police was needed against possible outside "provocations". He said: "If there are any disturbances, I am sure they will not come from the farmers." Edith Cresson, the prime minister, said in an interview with the Sunday newspaper, *Journal du Dimanche*, that she understood the farmers' position, but deplored that their ire was being "exploited by the opposition".

Striking a chord: Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the former French president, playing an accordion with provincial musicians yesterday in Paris when 150,000 farmers protested against falling incomes and cheap imports from Eastern Europe.

Romanian leaders vie for control

From TIM JUDAH IN BUCHAREST

FRENETIC political horse-trading began in Bucharest over the weekend as riot police saw off the last of several thousand coalminers who had terrified the Romanian capital for three days.

The miners left after being promised wage increases, having secured the fall of the government of Petre Roman, the prime minister, and following a promise that President Iliescu that would visit their pits in the Jiu valley today.

Hardly had they left than Mr Roman began issuing ambiguous statements about whether he had resigned and Mr Iliescu reneged on his promise. It was unclear yesterday who was running Romania. However, a message by the state-owned Rompres news agency said: "The government is continuing its activities to run current administrative matters until a new government is formed."

As Mr Iliescu began seeing party leaders over the weekend, a struggle for power became clear, while the National Salvation Front indicated that it was determined to keep control of the government. "I wouldn't call it horse-trading," said Ion Ratiu, a leader of the opposition National Peasant party. "It's chaos."

Suggestions for the next prime minister included Teodor Stolojan, a former finance minister, General Victor Stanculescu, a former defence minister and the only survivor from Nicolae Ceausescu's regime, and the Metropolitan of Moldavia.

"We have insisted that we want a government of neutral technocrats," said Mr Ratiu. But he conceded that his party would be prepared to serve in a new government, "if we are in control". At the front's offices, a stream of people was signing a petition of support for Mr Roman.

Truce shaken as killings go on

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN ZAGREB

YUGOSLAVIA's sixth ceasefire limped noisily into its second week yesterday amid growing fears that the continuing violence will encourage Serb and Croat extremists to cause its complete breakdown.

Fighting was still reported in eight towns, most of them in eastern Croatia, where tens of thousands of people have been living in improvised bomb shelters with dwindling supplies of food and water since the agreement came into effect. Many have no electricity or gas.

The local media have been giving extensive coverage to the continued bloodshed, whipping up emotions. Hina, the Croatian news agency, reporting more Croatian deaths and extensive federal army troop movements, said yesterday: "The ceasefire agreement is still on glass legs. New victims fall every day."

The Yugoslav federal authorities, for their part, accuse the Croats of breaking the agreement by continuing to launch attacks against federal army barracks and for continuing to keep some of them under siege. In the deceptively tranquil-looking countryside of eastern Croatia, fierce mortar, rocket and artillery attacks flare up without warning. The Croatian forces yesterday accused the federal army of stepping up air attacks and dropping "chemical agents" from two helicopters which poisoned policemen in the shattered town of Vincovci.

In the centre of Zagreb, the capital, anxious shopkeepers were yesterday continuing to tape up windows in anticipation of a breakdown in the ceasefire. But neither the Croat nor the Serb leadership wants to admit that a breakdown has taken place at a time when the European Community is trying to bolster the agreement that was reached eight days ago.

Hopes rise for Georgia accord

Tbilisi — High-level talks to end the political conflict in the Soviet republic of Georgia edged towards a compromise yesterday. Political leaders and government representatives met for the second day at the ministry of justice, raising prospects that an agreement was close.

A deal still to be ratified by Zviad Gamsakhurdia, the republic's president, would give the opposition daily access to 30 minutes of government television, said Nodar Natudze, an opposition member of parliament. It would also set up a second, private television channel to end the state broadcasting monopoly.

Opposition demands for access to television and the reopening of closed newspapers helped fuel the conflict which began on September 2. Three weeks later, rebel National Guards seized the television centre in support of the opposition. *(Reuter)*

21,000 executed

Moscow — The Soviet Union executed more than 21,000 people between 1962 and 1989 and still passes more death sentences than any country, according to Anatoli Kononov, a member of the Russian parliament's human rights committee. Writing in the *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* newspaper, he said that the number of death sentences passed was unjustifiable on any grounds. *(Reuter)*

Korean protest

Seoul — South Korean newspapers said an anti-government protest took place in communist North Korea last Friday, at Sinuiju, on the border with China, the second such action in a month. About 4,000 people are reported to have demonstrated in the city on August 27. *(Reuter)*

11 miners die

Johannesburg — Eleven blacks were killed and 26 injured in clashes between rival groups at a platinum mine in the black homeland of Bophuthatswana, officials said. It was one of the worst outbreaks of violence since the South African government and black groups signed a peace accord on September 14. *(AP)*

Sarawak victory

Kuching — A crushing victory was won by the government of Taib Mahmud, chief minister of the Malaysian state of Sarawak, in assembly elections. Mr Taib's National Front Three coalition won 49 of the 56 seats, with seven going to the Bangsa Dayak Sarawak party which championed tribal nationalism. *(Reuter)*

MOSCOW NOTEBOOK by Charles Bremner

Heavy metal drowns Communist youth swan song

For decades the term *molodyozh*, youth in Russian, conjured up images of clean-living young Communists cheerfully building the socialist future with a song in their hearts. Just mentioning the word, the television news readers would switch into their official uplifting voices. The reality long ago parted from the fantasy, but the country had to wait until this weekend for the official youth movement to be formally put to death.

On Saturday the Komsomol, the leninist youth organisation which for seven decades served as the obligatory ladder to success for ambitious Russians, voted to disband itself. In one of those symbolic accidents of timing, the Komosomol chose to hold its funeral when more than half a million young Russians were flocking to savour Western bands at the "Monsters of Rock", the biggest pop concert held here.

The Komsomol, set up by Lenin to channel the energies of teenage revolutionaries, had long ago degenerated into a vast bureaucratic apparatus stuffed with the same kind of time-servers as its more elite big brother, the Communist party. It remained an essential stepping stone to success in the Soviet system. Mikhail Gorbachev, for example, led the Moscow university branch while he was there in the early 1950s. In the Brezhnev years, the puffy, middle-aged "youth" leadership was a standing joke.

But the organisation held on to some 20 million members right up to this summer. Its final congress decided to liquidate itself and distribute the Komsomol's considerable assets to non-ideological youth groups. The old Komsomol used to spend a lot of time trying to quell the kind of activities that were staged at the Tushino airfield near central Moscow on Saturday night — a thunderous show of big-time heavy metal. Fans were able to relish the delights of such world-renowned ensembles as AC/DC, Metallica and Black Crowes.

The promoters said their ten-hour marathon was a "gift to the youth of Russia in celebration of the successful defence of democracy". AC/DC were the biggest hit with an act that included a light show and a cannon that shot out miniature dollar notes. Some performers were upset they were not allowed to go in for some of their wilder antics, such as throwing beer and various objects at the audience, and did not like the cordon of 10,000 police which sealed off the aerodrome or the helicopters flying overhead, but a rash of drunken punch-ups in the crowd gave a familiar feel.

Russia may be falling over itself in its rush to emulate everything Western, from rock music to pizza, but it still clings firmly to its other-worldly character, the old side of the national soul that loves fairy tales and strange psychic phenomena. Switch on the radio, for example, and you can hear a commercial for a private college, one of many now springing up, that will teach you the latest in business techniques, English language and extra-sensory perception. On television, mystics can be seen predicting the future, not just in mattters of love, but also the stock market. One organisation — the KGB — has always been popularly credited with great expertise in that field where science fiction merges with the occult. During last month's siege of the Russian parliament, an opposition radio station broadcast a report that the KGB had installed "psychic generators" on nearby roofs. At the flick of a switch, invisible rays from these would turn the crowd into schizophrenics.

This week the boss of the KGB's "special research centre" came out to say that all this was nonsense, but his denial was not altogether convincing. Since the mid-1960s, said Ivan Shubin, his organisation had been "conducting extensive research in such areas as gene engineering, biological magnetism, social psychiatry. Man can be manipulated through the people around him, through his attachments, his memory".

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How much stress can you take?

Michael Evans meets Stasiu Labuc, the woman to tell you whether you will thrive or crack under pressure

TED BATH

Fighting stress: during 14 years with the defence ministry Stasiu Labuc developed tests that predict behaviour under dangerous conditions

The woman with piercing grey-blue eyes standing before the assembled British Army officers had already broken two traditions. She was the first woman to address them and the first woman to wear trousers at the army staff college at Camberley. But the officers had more shocks in store. She was a psychologist, not a soldier, yet she seemed to have indulged in more derring-do than many in the lecture hall.

Stasiu Labuc, who is half-Polish, is the kind of person who believes in experiencing for herself the risks of her potential clients. Until five months ago she worked for the Ministry of Defence as a senior psychologist involved in assessing people for high-risk jobs. After joining government service in the 1970s, she developed an international reputation as an expert on combat stress. In the interests of learning as much as she could about mental and physical stress she found herself agreeing to some fairly bizarre adventures.

"On one occasion", she says, "I had arranged to visit a helicopter squadron. One of the pilots came and picked me up, and while we were flying he asked whether I wanted to know what it's like when the engine cuts out. We were several hundred feet up and he just switched off the engine.

"A helicopter doesn't just fall, it floats down, twisting from side to side like a sycamore leaf. It seemed as if we were close enough to the ground to spot rabbits running before he turned the engine back on. It gave me a good idea of the sort of stress they face."

Another time she was invited to Larkhill, the army's school of artillery on Salisbury Plain, after it was suggested it might be in her professional interest to experience bombardment. With a small group of officers she sat in a reinforced bunker while tanks opened up nearby. The shells were supposed to fly overhead, but one hit the bunker with a deafening thud. "I wasn't too sure whether it was supposed to have happened, so I examined the others to see how they reacted," she says. "There was a moment of quiet, then there was a sort of nervous giggling." She has kept a small piece of shrapnel as a souvenir.

She also forced herself to go without sleep for three days and four nights to see how she would react. Eighty hours proved to be her limit. By then she did not know whether she was eating breakfast at dinner or dinner at breakfast, and "the words in the book I was reading started to fall off the page".

Dr Labuc, in her late thirties, was snapped up by the defence ministry when she applied for a number of jobs after leaving the University of Wales in Cardiff with a PhD in applied psychology. She worked for much of the time in the management planning section of the army personnel research establishment at Farnborough, Hampshire, and developed a special expertise for assessing and selecting people for "hazardous military duties".

Since she left government service only recently, she is wary of saying anything that might approach sensitive areas, and combat stress is a highly sensitive subject. But her knowledge of the stresses faced by soldiers in extreme conditions, as well as the work she did at university, is helping her now in her new role, running LabWick Psychological Assessments, which provides tests for personnel selection in the commercial sector.

In spite of the years of training in the British Army, it is difficult to predict how any individual soldier will perform in battle. Before Operation Desert Storm was launched, every British commander spoke to his men about what to expect. They were warned that they could experience moments of horror and that the battle would be confusing and intensely violent.

In the *Handbook of Military Psychology*, published earlier this year, Dr Labuc, a contributor, wrote that morale played a crucial part in keeping battle stress at bay. The lower the morale, the greater the potential for stress casualties. During the Falklands war, morale was high and this was reflected in the low stress casualty rate of less than 10 per cent of the British troops. Israel's Operation Peace for Galilee invasion of Lebanon in 1982 produced conflicting stress ratings. During the first few days, morale was high because the Israeli soldiers were convinced of the rightness of stopping PLO attacks on Israel. But as an advance on Beirut became unavoidable, battle stress rose. The total number of stress casualties was about 23 per cent. In the Gulf war, the potential for battle stress was high because of the threat of chemical and biological attacks. But the defence ministry says the number of sufferers was low.

> *'If I had written false answers, she would have seen through it'*

Dr Labuc's responsibility during her 14 years with the defence ministry was to predict how military personnel would cope with high stress in the future. Is it possible to be accurate about behaviour under extreme conditions? Apparently so, because over the years she achieved a high success rate with her predictions. She had sufficient security clearance to get ministry feedback about her former clients. "If I had been totally wrong, I would have been fired," she says.

She developed psychological and clinical questionnaires, covering the impressionable years of childhood and subsequent achievements, from which she felt able to predict future behaviour. Dr Labuc put me through the rigorous questionnaires. Among the 2,000 or so questions, she asked whether I liked to be in charge, what impression I made on people, in what way I let myself down, what others thought of my father, what my mother is like, whether I thought teachers should be paid more, how naughty I was at school and whether putting a fish hook in a worm would make me shudder.

Throughout the exercise, I was aware of Dr Labuc watching me. Later she said I had started off in a relaxed fashion with my toes pointing towards her, a friendly body language signal. As the questions became more personal, my feet changed position and I appeared to become a little tense. She, on the other hand, hardly moved during the three-hour session. When speaking to me, her eyes never wavered, watching my reactions. I became convinced that even if I had written false answers, she would have seen through it. Her subsequent detailed assessment of my personality was uncannily accurate.

In selecting people for key jobs in the services and now in the outside world, Dr Labuc believes the more that is known about applicants, the more accurate will be the predictions of their future performance. "The clinical-psychological approach explores the pattern of an individual's development and compares this with his or her current mental state. It is then possible for the qualified assessor to determine the individual's present and future potential."

In the commercial world, the traditional method of interviews, *curriculum vitae* and references are unlikely to produce the complete picture. "Interviewers usually make up their minds during the first few minutes of meeting the candidate," Dr Labuc says, and first impressions, she feels, are never the best yardstick. "I remember there was a mine disaster in the United States. One of those trapped was a big man who was the team leader but he couldn't cope. The man who took control, kept up morale and worked out a plan of action was one of the quiet ones with a reputation as a wimp. So when you make an assessment of how someone will cope under extreme stress, you have to get inside his personality."

Many people share Mia Farrow's view that adopting a handicapped child is fulfilling

Question not the needs

Mia Farrow adopts children the way some other American actresses marry men. The latest addition to her family is Sanjay, a five-year-old handicapped Vietnamese boy, who brings the number of her adopted children to six: three Vietnamese, two Korean and one Texan. Ms Farrow, the natural mother of four more, said: "I was looking for a handicapped child because I love being a mother, and it's like being a mother plus."

In America, adopting a handicapped child is becoming almost commonplace. You can pick up a leaflet in McDonald's that will list children who are difficult to place because they have mental or physical problems. Most television channels feature a child every day.

Joe Kroll, the director of the North American Council on Adoptable Children, says: "Many people get a real kick out of bringing up a handicapped child. It makes them feel useful. The biggest change came in 1980, when the government decided that families that adopted children with disabilities could receive on-going medical support and subsistence allowances." Of the 40,000 children adopted last year, about 15,000 had disabilities.

In Britain, about 500 children with disabilities were adopted last year (out of a total of 7,000), even though the government introduced a scheme of approved adoption allowances nine years ago. "We are working hard to get people to take on handicapped children," says Jill White, the development officer for the British Agency for Adoption and Fostering (BAAF). "The problem is in Britain people are less likely to accept publicity because they feel the child is being advertised like a beauty product."

Linda Plumber, the assistant director for BAAF, believes that adopting a child with disabilities can be fulfilling, but she says: "They need parents who can accept their limitations. They also need parents who have the time to push the child to obtain its potential."

In Britain, a broadsheet called "Be My Parent" was launched last year, giving portraits of children who are difficult to place. It is distributed to adoption agencies and Citizens' Advice Bureaux and has 2,500 subscribers.

Ms Farrow began adopting Vietnamese children when she was married to André Previn in the 1970s, and developed ties with adoption authorities in the country. Americans find it easier than British couples to adopt from abroad. A fifth of all adoptions in America last year were inter-country, compared with an eighth in Britain.

In Britain, 75 per cent of children adopted from abroad last year came from Romania. In America, most used to come from Vietnam and now more than half are from Korea. "I think the Americans' predisposition for Korea and Vietnam originated after the wars," says Debbie Harder, the programme manager for Adopted Families of America. "But now it is because adoption agencies have built up strong links with Korea and the paperwork runs more smoothly."

ALICE THOMSON

Opening a new door for Albania

Catherine Field is taking the ideals of a free press to an emerging democracy

When Catherine Field takes up her new job as senior adviser in press and administration to the Albanian government tomorrow, she will be the only woman in the country, apart from the discredited former president's wife, Nexhmije Hoxha, to hold a position of any influence or power.

And on $250 a day, paid for by the United Nations Development Programme, she will be earning rather more than the prime minister. There have been times, she admits, "when I've woken up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat wondering what on earth I've let myself in for".

By day, however, Ms Field, a 30-year-old New Zealand journalist, is invigorated at the prospect of imposing order in an area which, like most in contemporary Albanian life, is in disarray. Her brief is wide ranging: drafting press laws; training local journalists and getting scholarships for them overseas; organising regular press conferences for ministers; arranging official spokespersons; dealing with foreign correspondents.

Face of old Albania: Enver Hoxha, the late president

Above all, she says, it is a question of trying to change attitudes. "There are now six newspapers in the country. They are aligned to different parties and they all trot out their party line. For instance, if the government makes a law they do not like, they won't publish it.

"The government was talking about setting up its own paper, but I said, 'That is treating the symptom, not the cause. If you want a free press you have to get journalists together and explain that commentary should be kept on the commentary page.'"

She also wants cabinet ministers to appear every fortnight on television to answer questions — "at the moment the country runs on rumour and whisper" — and for the prime minister and his deputy to hold regular press conferences. "They have to show that things are changing. If the government says it has closed a particularly nasty prison where political opponents used to be kept, it has to take the foreign press there."

The job offer arose out of a conversation with Gramoz Pashko, a deputy prime minister. Ms Field, a foreign correspondent based in Berlin, first went to the country on holiday — "it is stunningly beautiful and so different from anywhere else" — and then returned at regular intervals to cover the upheavals of the past year. "We were talking about what was needed and he said, 'Why don't you come and do it?'."

The problem, she says, is that when Albanians overturned the old regime, they in effect threw out the baby with the bath water. "Now there is no system, no co-ordination. It's a matter of people showing them how things can be done — of opening the door.

"I think they genuinely want democracy and they have to show they are doing something, and quickly. There is a time bomb ticking away. But people have brought down two governments in seven months and the minute this one stops moving, the bricks will be flying again.

"They also want investment in their country and realise they must show they are getting their act together."

She anticipated that being a woman may create extra difficulty. Albania is 70 per cent Muslim, 20 per cent Orthodox and 10 per cent Catholic. "And a woman's place is strictly in the home. But if I do not go because they are a bunch of chauvinists, things will never change."

The job will last a minimum of three months and a maximum of four. "The whole idea is to set up structures the Albanians can take over."

She will be based in government offices in Tirana with her own staff, including an interpreter and a chauffeur-bodyguard. "I'm not sure that it would not be my things rather than me that would be at risk, but some areas are dangerous at night and no one still really knows what the secret police are up to."

With pictures of starving babies filling the media here, Albania is tapping a seam of goodwill abroad. Ms Field has no illusions about the abuses that can occur — the black marketeering, the misappropriation of aid — but she feels the country will never merit the sort of frustration and anger that many people came to feel about Romania.

Albania has wealth, she says, in terms of oil and mineral resources, people are hard working, religious convictions are strong and there has always been a sense that family was more important than politics.

Visitors are popular and treated hospitably. "It is very strange when you go into a little mountain village and people remember you because you were the first foreigner they ever saw. You just hope they do not lose some of the good things. In East Germany that sense of family and closeness was what kept people's spirits up, but it's almost gone now. People are too busy making money."

Ms Field, who came to England 12 years ago and worked for the BBC before moving to Berlin, where she covered the fall of the wall for British papers and IRN, will have to put her journalistic career temporarily on ice along with a long-standing relationship with a Russian journalist.

She has spent the past few days packing "a huge amount of luggage. It's like planning for a desert island, favourite records, favourite books." Her luxuries will be packet soups and muesli. "I know it doesn't sound very sybaritic, but believe me in those circumstances muesli can be enormously comforting."

LIZ GILL

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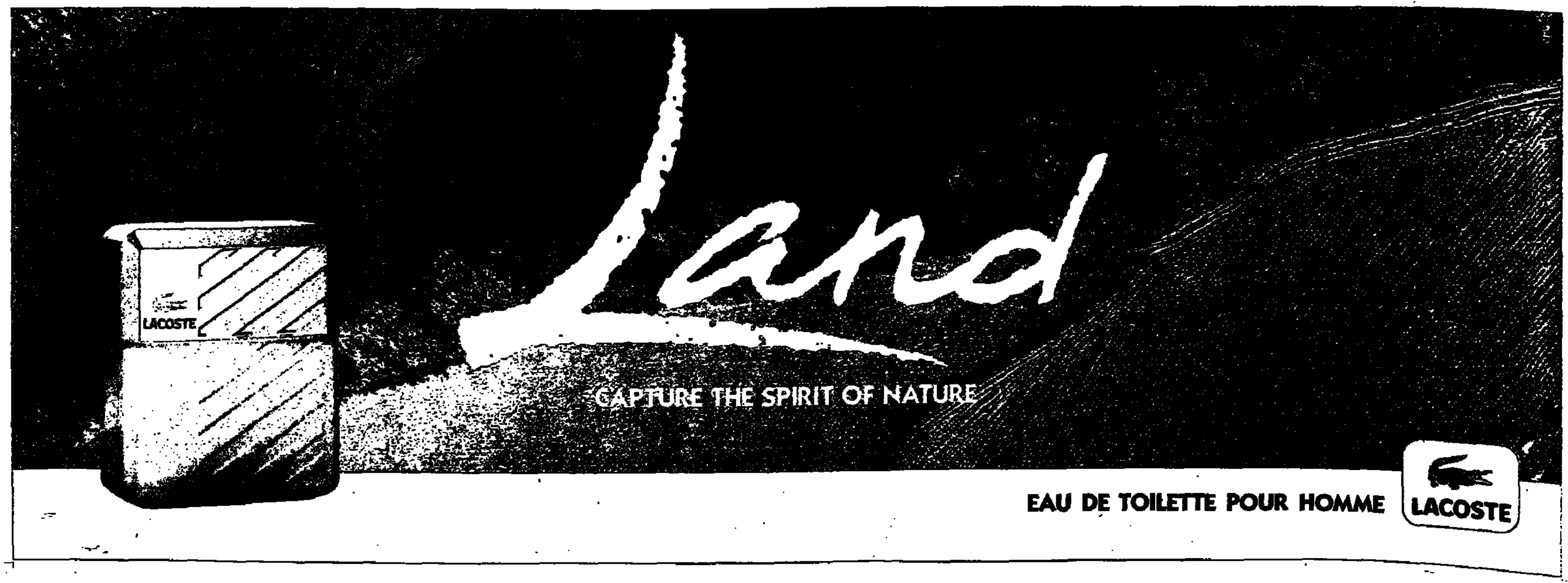

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THEATRE

On the star trek

Duncan Weldon, the veteran West End impresario, believes a play will not succeed unless it has a star. **Debra Craine** met him

In his modest fourth-floor office, which is tucked away above the Strand Theatre, Duncan Weldon is waiting for the telephone to ring. "In half an hour Al Pacino is ringing me with two ideas I've given him. He's going to tell me what he thinks of those ideas." That's how a Duncan Weldon production starts – with a star.

Stars are what Weldon is all about. Finding the right one, and just possibly the right play, is a knack which has turned him into one of the West End's leading producers and certainly its busiest, with more than 140 productions to his credit over the past 20 years. The classy revival is his stock in trade and his record is impressive: Lauren Bacall in *Sweet Bird of Youth*; Peter O'Toole in *The Apple Cart*; Vanessa Redgrave in Peter Hall's production of *Orpheus Descending*; Dustin Hoffman in Hall's *Merchant of Venice*. His list of leading actors reads like a *Who's Who* of the entertainment world: Ingrid Bergman, Omar Sharif, Charlton Heston, Faye Dunaway.

In a West End dominated by the multi-million pound musical, Weldon is one of a handful of producers keeping straight plays alive. His critics could argue that his reliance on celebrity-led revivals of proven works contributes little to theatre's development, repackaging its past rather than nurturing its future.

But Weldon has launched his fair share of new plays, such as *Another Time* with Albert Finney and *A Walk in the Woods* with Alec Guinness. He has also taken a chance in reviving such rarely performed gems as O'Neill's *Strange Interlude* with Glenda Jackson, which he took to Broadway where it picked up six Tony nominations, and has rescued undeserved Broadway failures such as *Long Day's Journey Into Night* with Jack Lemmon. Almost always, though, there is a star on the bill.

"There is very, very little we've ever done that doesn't have the insurance policy of a star," he admits. "I'm not saying no play ever works without a star, but it helps to have one."

His latest production, a revival of Jean Anouilh's *Becket*, is the perfect Weldon package: a modern classic play, unperformed in London for 30 years, whose story of the clash between Henry II and Thomas à Becket provides an ideal vehicle for two box-office draws – Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay. "We've just done a ten-week tour of *Becket* where we played to total capacity everywhere we went," says Weldon. "I don't believe it's *Becket* doing that; I believe it's Derek Jacobi, and adding Robert, who is known from *GBH*, well . . ."

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Simply a case of the bigger the star the better? "The bigger the star, the more potential you've got in the box office. But the bigger the star, the less time they want to give you because they're busy making their money in films and television. Al Pacino is quite likely to say 'can I do four performances?' When we did *American Buffalo* I think he did about six weeks and they were clinging from the rafters to see him."

Still, the star-at-any-cost policy can lead to indiscriminate packaging of performer and play: last year's *Love Letters*, for example, which featured the *Hart to Hart* television stars Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers. The casting was clearly an artistic mistake, although Weldon's business instinct proved right: the pair did "huge business" at the box office.

"Some of the biggest successes I've had are the ones I have had bad reviews for," he says. "And some of the biggest flops I've had have been when the critics have raved about them. All theatre is good theatre as long as the audience enjoys it. What is not good theatre is what the audience doesn't enjoy.

"There are many ways of pleasing an audience and that can be from two telly stars like Robert Wagner and Stefanie Powers in *Love Letters* to doing a deeply provoking play like *A Walk in the Woods* with Alec Guinness. They're not the same audience."

One gets the impression that Weldon produces plays *he* would like to see. His involvement with theatre goes back almost 40 years, when at the age of 12 he started as a call boy at the local theatre in Southport. "They don't have call boys now, they have Tannoy systems," he says. "In the old days you got to knock on doors and say 'five minutes please'."

Weldon became a photographer, working for his father, who had a chain of photographic stores. "I started photographing in the theatre and then I got more interested in the theatre than in taking photographs and my father threw me out. So I had to start putting shows on. My first was a one-man show called *An Evening With David Kossoff*. Now I present *An Evening with Peter Ustinov*."

His West End debut came with J.B. Priestley's *When We Are Married* in 1970. It cost £10,000 to stage. Today that same production would cost £300,000, and therein lies one of Weldon's biggest concerns. "It's very difficult for a young producer now who has to find £300,000 for a show with, in my opinion, not a great chance of getting it back. It's so economically difficult that it makes it very tough for young producers. And if nobody young is coming in, then when us lot have gone there will be nobody to replace us."

Weldon is prone to such soothsaying about the state of Britain's theatre. A year ago, he summoned Fleet Street journalists to his office to issue a warning. "I told them that if we don't start to be aware of the provinces and our subsidised rep theatres, and we don't foster and look after them, then there isn't going to be in a few years time enough product to fill as many West End theatres as we've got. And that would mean the smaller ones would have to close: a third of about 38 theatres would have to close. Tonight in New York there's one play on Broadway, eight musicals and 30 closed theatres. The Americans are always ahead of us. I hope, if we're careful, it won't be that bad here."

Weldon is already working on one answer to the West End's soaring production costs: television. "What will happen is that these classy revivals which cost a great deal of money will have their limited period of time in a theatre, then immediately go into a studio and be done for television, which will help subsidise the production costs. I've got two or three plays for next year where that's going to happen."

With new writing being fostered by the subsidised theatres, it remains the job of the commercial sector to provide the high quality revival which preserves dramatic traditions and helps develop a new theatregoing audience. But whatever the future for straight plays in London, the star factor will surely continue to drive the West End.

"There are 20,000 theatregoers for a good revival or a play," adds Weldon, whose forthcoming presentations include Maureen Lipman in *The Cabinet Minister* and Russian ballerina Natalia Makarova in *Tovarich*. "After 20,000 you are into the audiences who don't normally go to the theatre and you have to woo them in.

"There's no point putting on a great play if nobody comes to see it."

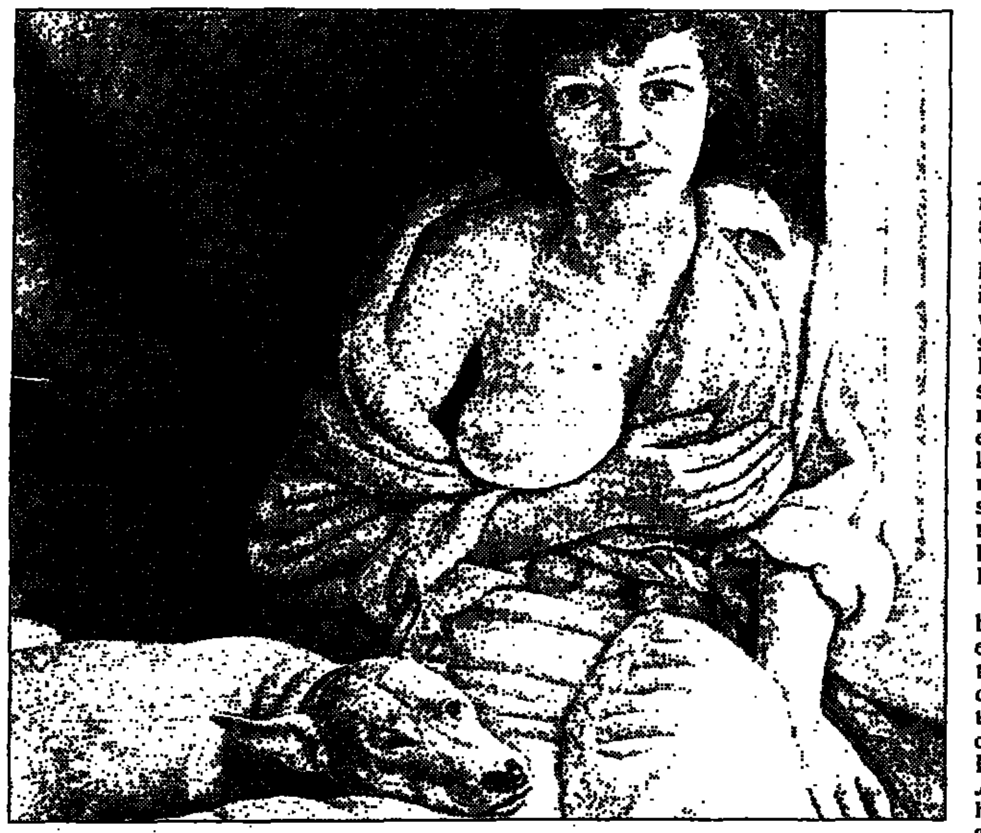
● Becket *is in preview at the Theatre Royal, Haymarket (071-930 8800) and opens on October 7.*

MARTIN BEDDALL

Weldon: says his touring production of *Becket* played to full capacity, thanks to Derek Jacobi

Visual feast of more than just Bacon

Norman Foster's extension for Norwich's Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts has opened with several outstanding "School of London" paintings from the Tate. **Richard Cork** reports



Almost paralysed by the tension revealed in her frozen gaze: detail from Freud's *Girl with a White Dog*, on loan to the Sainsbury visual arts centre from the Tate Gallery

Although so many universities are beleaguered by cuts, spirits remain reassuringly buoyant at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts in Norwich. Sir Norman Foster's *tour de force*, in white aluminium and glass, which has made the University of East Anglia's campus a Mecca for architectural enthusiasts since it opened in 1987, now boasts an audacious new extension. And the Tate Gallery has added to the excitement by lending a first-rate survey of paintings by some of the most outstanding members of the "School of London".

Sustained intensity lies behind the paintings in this exhibition, "The Transformation of Appearance", and their overall mood of urgent scrutiny is seized in the first canvas to greet the visitor, Frank Auerbach's portrait of *J.Y.M. Seated*. Hundreds of hours of painting, scraping off and repainting lie behind this convulsive image. The finished picture, however, was carried out quickly and explodes with muscular, stabbing dynamism. JYM seems about to burst free from the confines of a high-backed chair, and her frenetic fragmentation could hardly be further removed from the earliest Lucian Freud on view.

His *Girl with a White Dog*, completed exactly 40 years ago, has a glacial immobility. The sitter allows one ample, pale breast to emerge from her robe. But sensuality is countered by the frozen exactitude of Freud's obsession with minutiae. The amount of detail defined within her eyes is disconcerting, and she seems almost paralysed by the tension revealed in her gaze.

In his early 1970's *Naked Portrait*, Freud's earlier preoccupation with microscopic detail is replaced with more simplified forms and thicker brushwork. But the paint is not applied as densely as in his recent, monumental canvas *Standing by the Rags*, in which the pigment has been heaped so thickly that a corrugated surface results. All the same, it does not prevent Freud from achieving a formidable grandeur in the rest of the picture, where the veined, sagging body stands with a sense of weary resolution.

Endurance is also the keynote in Leon Kossoff's work. An ailing woman dominates a bleak canvas of 1965, attended on either side of her bed by peering relatives. By 1980, when he produced the equally looming *Two Seated Figures No 2*, his handling of form had grown more slab-like. The man and woman inhabit their chairs with the heaviness of Egyptian statues, but Kossoff's own anxiety gives them an unease which undermines their apparent stability.

Francis Bacon, however, remains the undisputed master of perturbation. His nervous yet energetic portrait of Van Gogh on his way to work stresses isolation and death-haunted haste. But resilience asserts itself in the bravura bust of Isabel Rawsthorne, whose vigilant eyes preside over the swiped, splashed and smeared lower regions of her face. And when Bacon executed his 1972 *Triptych* in black, ochre, grey and pink, he flanked the writhing forms of lovers with single figures whose melancholy gives the entire work an elegiac air. This deserves to be ranked among Bacon's finest works, and looks commanding in the cool, spacious installation devised for the exhibition.

The new extension appears to imply an awareness, on the architect's part, that the original building dwarfs much of the art it houses. Where the 1978 structure soars skywards, its crescent-shaped successor dives underground, inviting visitors to walk down into the earth. Rather than enveloping us in subterranean gloom, though, Foster then confronts us with a grand curving wall of fritted glass, which allows views out over a field.

The reserve collection is also exhibited with great elegance in Hahn cases, offering a corrective to the dismal storerooms where most museums incarcerate the work they have no space to display. Foster should be commissioned to redesign them all without delay.

● The Transformation of Appearance *continues at the Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia (0603 56060) until December 8*

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This Friday The TES reports on the proliferation of Young Engineers' Clubs, the technological equivalent to the Scouts.

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CLASSICAL MUSIC

Opera in well mannered disguise

PARTICULARLY in a season when two Monteverdi operas are being presented at the Coliseum, it is striking that there should still be such a neglect of English operatic beginnings — striking, but perhaps not altogether surprising. Monteverdi's characters, high and low, sing themselves into being; they exist primarily as music-making voices, and so belong to the same species as the people in Verdi or Wagner or Berio.

In 17th century English opera, though, the drama is nearly always centred in speech, and the main characters may not sing at all. Compartmented into masque-like episodes, the music seems merely a prettiness, an item of decor, as difficult to revive without bathos as baroque stage machinery or costumes.

However, the implicit view of music as just another luxury commodity may provide some clues for producers of *The Fairy Queen* and the like. And perhaps, if we are to have these works live in the theatre, we have to see them as belonging essentially to the English tradition of pantomime, and have to understand that the seeming politeness of the music is a matter of period and language, disguising a potentially earthier substance.

The **Early English Opera Society** has performed something of a rescue operation on this repertory, with concert performances of several Restoration works already to its credit. However, the effort to revive Purcell's stage pieces (other than the all-sung and therefore accommodating *Dido and Aeneas*) remains to be done by bigger outfits, and last weekend the EEOS devoted its attention, at St John's Smith Square, to picking out musical gems from Shakespeare settings. These ranged from the playwright's time to that of Henry Bishop, who operatised the Swan of Avon, just as he anglicised Mozart, for the aesthetically spendthrift Regency audience.

Apart from Bishop, and the Arne he poached from, the other composer most fully represented was Anon, responsible for some of the songs and dialogue ballads in the opening concert by Philip Pickett and his New **London Consort** at St John's. Christopher Robson showed in "Hold, lingel hold", quoted in *Henry IV Part II*, how ripely vulgar the counter-tenor voice can sound, and Catherine Bott, Andrew Murgatroyd and Michael George kept up a nice ironic primness to carry one through the 26 verses of "Rowland's Godson". The idea of such bald comic numbers coming as afterpieces to *King Lear* is something to make one wonder at theatre's meaning for 17th century audiences.

WHAT this recital also displayed — besides inward lute playing from Tom Finucane — was the range within contemporary Shakespeare songs, from the almost folksong greenness of Morley's "O mistress mine" to the at once parlando and almost Monteverdian manner of Robert Johnson's Ariel songs, as if Italy had finally arrived just under the text. One wonders if Shakespeare can have had any knowledge of the man whose *Orfeo* was roughly contemporary with his own *Antony and Cleopatra*.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

BRIEFING

Viennese parade

A PROCESSION of the world's top conductors and a world tour have been lined up for the 150th anniversary season of the Vienna Philharmonic. The orchestra dates its origin to March 28, 1842, when the Philharmonic Concerts began in Vienna, conducted by the opera composer Otto Nicolai.

Sir Georg Solti: Requiem conductor

Maazel, Dohnanyi, Levine, Mehta, Giulini, Previn, Muti, Ozawa, Solti and Kleiber are among those conducting during the season. Highlights include a Mozart Requiem directed by Sir Georg Solti in St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna, on December 5, and an international television gala on the orchestra's anniversary, conducted by Riccardo Muti. Tours will take the orchestra across America, Europe and Japan.

Last chance...

THE guileless hero of Christopher Hampton's comedy, *The Philanthropist*, proved, in this summer's revival, to be as good company as on his first appearance 21 years ago. Edward Fox's performance as the honest academic, who is emotionally truthful but socially inept, is sensitive and tenderly real, and the wit sparkles throughout the evening. The planned ten-week run was extended for a further two months, but must end on Saturday (071-867 1116).

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Labour's pot of fool's gold

Peter Riddell explains why big spending will be out, whoever wins the election

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Winning office could turn out to be a big disappointment for Labour leaders and their supporters. All, and more, of the money they want to allocate to the public services has already been spent by the Tories. No matter who wins the election, the chief secretary to the Treasury will next autumn be seeking to rein in public spending.

For all the complaints we will hear from the Labour party over the next few days in Brighton about devastated public services, public spending is rising by any measure you care to use: in cash terms, real terms and as a percentage of national income. The money may not all have been wisely spent — on alleviating the poll tax, for instance — but it has been spent. The significance of last week's leaked letter from David Mellor, the chief secretary, was not the cuts in training programmes he sought, but the upward pressures on spending he revealed. Moreover, the increases in spending pre-date the arrival last November of the present administration; they were initiated by John Major when he was chief secretary from 1987 to 1989.

Mr Major then signalled several changes in fiscal and expenditure policy. In 1980-81 the Tories sought to offset the increase in public spending caused by the then recession; the burden of taxation was raised to ensure that public-sector borrowing remained flat. But by the late 1980s, when the overall fiscal position was much stronger, Mr Major said public spending and borrowing could rise as a proportion of total national income in a recession, with the aim of a broadly balanced budget over the medium term.

Beckett: one who knows the need for prudence

But Mr Major has gone further. While chief secretary and afterwards, he has approved increases in spending targeted on health and education. To an extent largely unappreciated, he puts less emphasis than Nigel Lawson did as Chancellor on cutting taxes compared with maintaining public services. This refocusing of strategy was underlined in a recent manifesto preview by Chris Patten, the Tory party chairman. He said: "Higher-quality public services require a proper level of funding. As the economy allows we will maintain our good record of spending more on health, more per pupil in schools, and more to increase access to higher education." That is not the language of ten years ago.

These two shifts, of fiscal policy in a recession and of the balance between spending and taxes, have resulted in rising public expenditure in the past few years. Initially, the increases were not much noticed. That is because of what the Treasury happily calls the money illusion. Public spending is planned in cash terms, and the extra money was insufficient to offset a faster than expected rise in prices. Hence spending in real, inflation-adjusted terms was squeezed. Since the recession started, therefore, expenditure has risen as a proportion of national income.

The end of the downturn, and the slowdown in inflation, should have created more headway for spending, but as Mr Mellor has warned, departmental bids are "even larger" than last year's. His letter was dismissed by senior colleagues as "straight off the word-processor; the Treasury is always going to kill the first-born and they always remain unslaughtered". Moreover, in a pre-election period, it is hard to refuse departments and lobbyists.

The government is already signalling that spending in 1992-93 will be higher than planned levels. Ministers will blame the recession, a period of particularly high spending on programmes like Trident, roads and the railways, plus the increases in the health and education budgets. What Mr Mellor is trying to ensure is that a bad public-sector borrowing projection does not turn into a horrible one of £20 billion or more. That may require the services of John MacGregor, leader of the Commons and a former chief secretary, who will, if needed, adjudicate bids as head of the Star Chamber. The Treasury will claim that its plans are consistent with fiscal balance over the medium term, though that requires an optimistic view of the economic outlook.

If Labour wins the election, it will come to power when public spending and borrowing have already risen substantially. Further increases could easily trigger difficulties in financial markets, unless taxes are raised to hold down borrowing.

Labour leaders have been suitably cautious in their promises. Almost the only specific pledges are higher pensions and child benefit. Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, says the party will not offer detailed spending pledges: "We shall have to look at the books when we get into government."

Very sensible, and this cautious approach will be underlined by John Smith and Margaret Beckett in today's economic debate. But whatever reservations are expressed by spokesmen about extra spending only occurring when resources are available, party activists and supporters in the unions and the public sector will expect better times if the Tories are defeated. The danger for a Labour government, as in the mid-1960s and the mid-1970s, is that such hopes will not be fulfilled, and the rank-and-file will again blame the leadership for failing to achieve what cannot be achieved.

John Grigg considers the encouragement of domestic service a suitable socialist policy

A butler for Kinnock?

Many will have been intrigued by reports that the French socialist government is planning to offer tax incentives to employers of domestic servants. Though British socialists are notoriously the most conservative in Europe, might the example of France not awake some response at this week's Labour conference?

That Labour should become the party of domestic service — of Upstairs as well as Downstairs — would mark its ultimate transition to maturity and respectability. This would do far more for the party's image than all the smart suits and red roses. While John Major points to the bleak equality of a classless society, Neil Kinnock should engage the services of a butler. The news should make his ratings soar.

Gone is the time when an incoming Labour prime minister (Harold Wilson) could hope to ingratiate himself by announcing that he would be cleaning his own shoes. Mr Kinnock should announce in advance that, in Downing Street, his shoes would be cleaned by his "gentleman's gentleman", who might for good measure be an impoverished aristo. Tory traditionalists would take comfort from knowing that a man from the "right" background was in a position to influence a Labour prime minister, while Labour traditionalists might relish such a person cleaning a Labour leader's shoes.

Not that, in the eyes of sensible people, such work would any longer seem menial or degrading. Why was it ever so regarded? The idea that domestic service was infra dig became prevalent after the war, when collectivist values were in the ascendant. In that climate it was thought natural to work in an office or factory, but contrary to human dignity to work in a private home.

Of course that is not all there was to it. Domestic service got a bad name because in the old days there was not enough alternative employment, particularly for women. "Going into service" was, for many, almost inescapable, and so acquired the stigma of quasi-feudal obligation. Wages were low and, except in big houses, servants tended to be lonely, overworked and exploited (as some Filipinos, imported to fill a gap in the British economy, may be today).

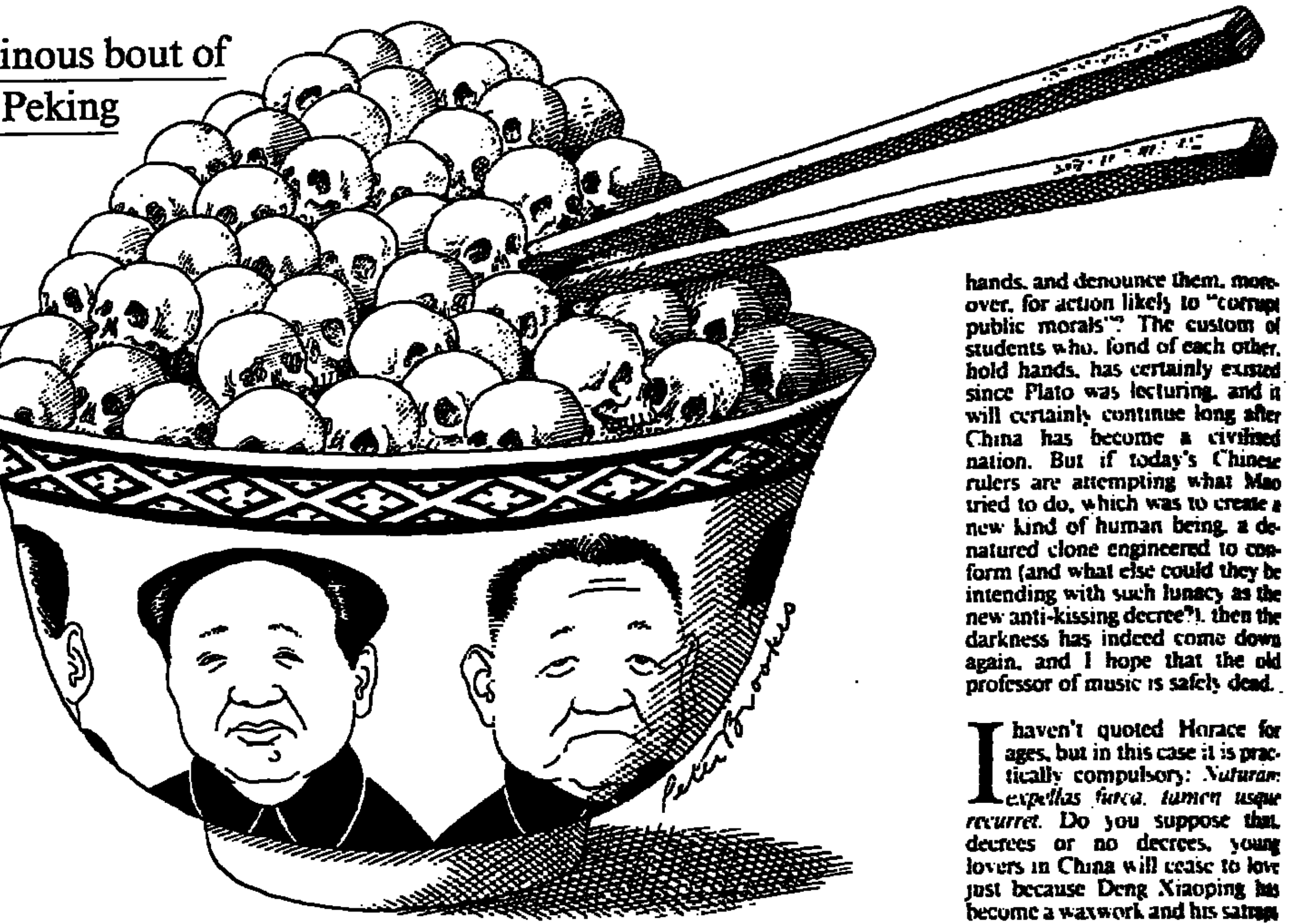
But that era is long past. Such domestic service as there is in contemporary Britain — and it flourishes, of course, in the daily form — rests on a quite different economic and psychological basis. Conditions of work can be good when freely negotiated, with no special advantage held by the employer. And there need be no sense of superiority on one side or inferiority on the other; just a reasonable division of labour. Granted the right conditions, domestic work should be as honourable as any other, and more pleasant than most. Working for individuals you know well, and preferably like, must be more satisfactory than working for a shifting succession of managers.

In literature the domestic servant is as often a dominating as a pathetic character, from Figaro through Sam Weller to Jeeves. The same has often been true in real life. The role of the English nanny is recognised as historically important, if only because one of them, Mrs Everest, was the salvation of Winston Churchill.

Tax incentives for domestic service might prove sound economics as well as good social policy, increasing employment while raising earnings for those doing such work and, if the Treasury did its sums right, reducing the black economy. Mr Kinnock's butler should have a large enough salary to be a willing taxpayer.

Mao's madness revisited

Bernard Levin on an ominous bout of Orwellian lawmaking in Peking



As is well known, those whom the gods would destroy they first make mad. The trouble with this principle is that no timetable is attached, and as our century has bitter reason to know, a madman can cause a great deal of damage before heaven bestirs itself to strike. The three great homicidal maniacs of our time — Hitler, Stalin and Mao Tse-tung — must have accounted for something like 40 million innocent lives, and two of the three died in bed, with no sign of the avenging angel.

He had better get a move on; the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union must have struck terror into the hearts of China's rulers, and even they must have understood what that upheaval ultimately portends for them. And how did they respond to such momentous events? For answer, I cannot better two reports from Peking, one from *The Times*'s correspondent, the other from *The Daily Telegraph*'s.

After the murders in Tiananmen Square, when the Chinese leaders had the fright of their lives, their first concern was the preservation of those lives; the next, to make sure that all China knew the penalty for dissent. The army, they declared, would crush any opposition, because it was "a cornerstone of the people's democratic dictatorship".

I don't think even Stalin talked about "the people's democratic dictatorship"; nor Hitler. But is such language not evidence of the Chinese rulers having long ago parted from reality? Orwell's Ministry of Truth proclaimed throughout Oceania that WAR IS PEACE, FREEDOM IS SLAVERY and IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH, but that was a novel; suppose there was a real ministry that dinned such chilling madness into its subjects?

Well, there is. China's "minister of justice" (itself a perfectly Orwellian term) has announced that the Chinese penal system is "the most integrated and substantive expression of humanitarianism", wherein the rulers "pay special attention to respecting the dignity of prisoners and their legal rights".

It is probable that no country in the world, not even Cuba, practices more and greater abominations upon its prisoners (particularly, of course, political ones) than China. For that matter, China certainly has far more prisoners than any other country, perhaps than all the world's countries put together; the Chinese Gulag holds some ten millions in the terrible camps of the interior, and it is estimated that no fewer than 100,000 of these are there for dissidence, real or imaginary. (Stalin used to demand arbitrary numbers to be thrown into the Gulag or shot, and his henchmen simply rounded up the entire population of substantial villages and shipped them off for imprisonment or death. It is likely that many in the Chinese camps got there on the same principle.)

Surely the gods must be getting ready for some massive destruction, if the latest and most striking madness among the rulers of China is anything to go by. That it is now a serious crime there to smash a bottle is less weird than it seems; the Chinese for "little bottle" sounds in their language similar to Deng Xiaoping, and brave young men and women, students at Peking University, have demonstrated their hatred for China's brutal dictator with the crash of glass. (There is precedent for such defiance: when, in the 19th century, Italian patriots were struggling for the Risorgimento, they would chalk *Viva Verdi* on the walls, an innocent tribute to the great composer. But it was an acronymic defiance; the Verdi stood for *V*ittorio *E*manuele *r*e *d'I*talia. The Chinese young are clearly no less ingenious.)

But if there is no madness in the banning of bottle-smashing, it appears in force with the next new regulation for the students, which prohibits kissing, hugging and holding hands on the campus. Such a decree, apart from being mad, unenforcable and ridiculous, has immense significance, not least because it harks back to Mao's most extreme lunacy.

The bestiality of the Cultural Revolution came close to destroying China; certainly it set back the country's already pitifully slow economic and educational progress. But its savagery was not just a frenzy of blood-lust, torture and destruction; it was far more significant. The crazed Mao desperately needed to believe that the country he was ruining could be changed into something altogether different. To that end, the existing nation had to be destroyed. But it was not only the world that had to be changed; human beings, too, had to be cleansed of their former nature and reborn as new men and women, fitted by the mad template Mao had created.

If you have seen the enchanting film *From Mozart to Mao* made about Isaac Stern when, not long after the madness of the Cultural Revolution had spent its force, he visited China for the first time, you will surely remember the old professor of music who had been incarcerated in a cupboard beneath the stairs for 14 months, without light or ventilation and with a septic tank beneath the floorboards. (He had survived; ten of his fellow-professors had been driven to suicide.) The old man concluded his part in the film with the words: "I do not think such times will come again."

He may have been wrong. For what else can it mean when the present Chinese rulers denounce students who steal a kiss or two, or perhaps a hug, or merely hold hands, and denounce them, moreover, for action likely to "corrupt public morals"? The custom of students who, fond of each other, hold hands, has certainly existed since Plato was lecturing, and it will certainly continue long after China has become a civilised nation. But if today's Chinese rulers are attempting what Mao tried to do, which was to create a new kind of human being, a denatured clone engineered to conform (and what else could they be intending with such lunacy as the new anti-kissing decree?), then the darkness has indeed come down again, and I hope that the old professor of music is safely dead.

I haven't quoted Horace for ages, but in this case it is practically compulsory: *Naturam expellas furca, tamen usque recurret.* Do you suppose that, decrees or no decrees, young lovers in China will cease to love just because Deng Xiaoping has become a waxwork and his satraps are terrified of a real revolution? For that matter, do you suppose that brave young students, who are well aware of the evil that governs them, will cease to find ways of defying that evil in the name of freedom?

However diligent China's heresy-hunters are, it is no longer possible to seal a country entirely against the bacillus of dissent. Long before the fall of Soviet communism, *samizdat* was flourishing, and news the tyrants wanted to suppress was known in an extraordinarily short space of time. There is no reason to believe that China, in this regard, will be any different, and assuredly there will be heroes and heroines — indeed, we know that there are — who will pass on the truth however many lies their rulers tell them.

China is governed partly by brutality and partly by madness, and it is to that foul combination that the British government is happily preparing to hand over more than five million human beings for whom Britain is responsible. In the next week or two, I shall return to the subject of Hong Kong, where lovers may kiss without penalty, as yet.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

So the case of Winston Silcott has been referred to the Court of Appeal. I imply no judgment as to the merits when I report a feeling of growing confusion. There is now hardly a famous prisoner left in jail whose imprisonment is not a matter of public controversy.

A queer thing, that late challenges to evidence, to police probity or to judicial wisdom almost always relate to celebrated crimes. Prisoners charged with unnewsworthy offences must surely receive impeccable justice, for once convicted they seem to stay convicted. Clearly those of us for whom there is nobody to dig up a cricket pitch have nothing to fear from British justice.

Yet the practice of exhuming famous convictions and starting all over again strikes me as relatively new. What of the big-name criminals of the distant past? Given that so many modern convictions turn out, upon exhumation, to be unreliable, I wonder whether we can any longer assume that the so-called criminals of our history were as guilty as we are told. Have they not, perhaps, had a raw deal?

Take that celebrated prisoner of conscience, Guy Fawkes. Had Ye Amnesty International been around at the time, it could have made a persuasive case that his fireworks display was planned more as a demonstration than an assassination. There was clearly a problem about public order at the time, and a spectacular case of exemplary justice was what the authorities needed. Poor Fawkes was a scapegoat if ever there was one.

Or consider Oscar Wilde. We know a lot, these days, about the activities of "pretty policemen" and of tabloid spies. Was Wilde a victim? Was he set up by Lord Alfred Douglas and *The Daily Telegraph*? Was Douglas an *agent provocateur*, hanging around in glitzy coffee-houses and smiling at famous playwrights — the first known case of a pretty aristocrat.

I wonder, too, about Hanging Judge Jeffreys, the Bloody Assizes, and all those old ladies he sent to the gallows. It seems Jeffreys had only to see an old lady to sentence her to death. We may speculate that he had had an unsatisfactory relationship with his grandmother. It is the kind of thing that *The Guardian*, lobbied by descendants of the hanged ladies, should investigate.

Nor should the tale of the Boston Strangler go unquestioned. Maybe he did strangle a *couple* of people: but what of the "copycat crime" phenomenon? And what of the police tendency, now well documented, to persuade prisoners to confess to a job-lot of unsolved mysteries? As everyone knows, Americans are strangling each other all the time, and I suspect the Boston fellow fell foul of the "rottweiler syndrome": once the media give a big splash to a single case of something, everyone starts noticing it and reporting it all over the place. He may even have got carried away, strangling with ever more desperate frequency in a frantic attempt to keep pace with his burgeoning public reputation. Society, you see, was to blame.

Then there was Joan of Arc, burnt at the stake for "hearing voices". Today, people make their living on Blackpool pier by claiming to do as much. Anyway, it was probably just the menopause — a defence equally available, surely, to poor old Mary Queen of Scots, whose beheading at the whim of Elizabeth I ought to be taken up by the SNP. Mary was emotionally unstable at the time of her alleged conspiracy. She was seeing a number of highly undesirable men. And in any case, though undoubtedly involved, how central was she to these plots? Elizabeth was a formidable woman when angry, and the public impatient for a prosecution. Plainly the authorities were under terrific pressure to charge *somebody* . . .

I hope for a re-examination of these and many other cases. But if we are to leave no stone unturned we should be asking not only whether people who *were* prosecuted should not have been, but also whether people who weren't, should. I am all for war-crimes tribunals, but why stop with Saddam? Look what havoc Richard the Lionheart wreaked all over the near-East! Is it too late to ask whether the arrow in Harold's eye was strictly necessary? And which way, precisely, was the Armada sailing when Drake sank it?

THE TIMES DIARY

Requiem for Miles

THE JAZZ world was unanimous yesterday: Miles Davis was one of its greatest. But on the vexed question of how to commemorate the maestro's life there was little agreement.

George Melly would welcome a memorial concert. "He was such a pivotal figure he should definitely have one," he says. "I preferred his earlier work and didn't take to his later free-form stuff. But it was genuine, even if people like me didn't take to it. I also admired the way he always refused to play the black entertainer. One of his qualities was his intransigence — he stuck to his own thing even if he was moody and tough to be with."

Ronnie Scott disagrees. "What's the point?," he says. "Miles's music was so amazing that that will always keep his memory alive."

Scott first heard Davis in New York in 1948. "I was working as a ship's musician on the Queen Mary and heard Miles and Charlie Parker's quintet at the 3 Deuces nightclub on 52nd Street. I was knocked out by his music. It was so much to take in back in those days."

Davis made a television series at Scott's jazz club in London and he frequently popped in when he passed through Britain. Scott says: "I remember one visit when he turned up with his entourage of lawyers and girls as the American comedian, Professor Irwin Corey, was on stage. Miles sat himself down at the front table with his sunglasses on. In the middle of his patter Corey went over, took off the glasses and said: 'No wonder you're smiling Miles, everyone's black.' Miles took that very well."

● *The Channel ferry companies and tunnel operators have fallen out over a mighty significant matter — a road sign. The transport department is planning to put up a sign pointing the way to the tunnel on the newly extended M20, which ends near the terminal. The ferry companies want Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, to ban the sign, because there has never been one on the M2 pointing to their ferries at Folkestone. "It's favouritism," complains P&O.*

I'll go if Hugo

AS APARTHEID fades away Cameron Mackintosh is about to endorse the changes by becoming Britain's first theatre producer to take a top show to South Africa. He is sending directors to Johannesburg next month to begin auditions for a South African production of *Les Misérables*.

Nelson Mandela and President de Klerk will both be invited to the opening night. But Mackintosh warns: "I am not interested in putting on *Les Misérables* out there unless it is a predominantly South African production — we have to ensure we can find the right local talent."

Mackintosh, who was lambasted for casting Jonathan Pryce as a Eurasian pimp in the Broadway production of *Miss Saigon*, refuses to be drawn on the ethnic mix of the cast in his latest venture. "It's a mainly Caucasian play. We will cast appropriately." But there have even been talks of staging the show with a Zulu troupe.

Political grey area

AS Labour delegates gathered in Brighton yesterday there was speculation about the fate of Ashok Kumar, the party's prospective candidate for Langbaurgh. Kumar was expecting to fight a general election, but a by-election is now due there after the death of Richard Holt. Will Kumar thus be Labour's first black candidate to contest a predominantly white Tory marginal? Judging by the past three by-elections in which Labour's prospective candidates were black, the prospects are not good. All three were replaced by white candidates for the by-election.

I think I'll change my colours.
GED.

The decision backfired on the party in Kensington in 1988 when Ben Bousquet, a race relations adviser who had fought the seat twice before, was removed on a two-vote majority by the general management committee. Bousquet and Labour's vocal black activists expressed their anger, and the Tories easily held the seat.

Labour's top brass refuse to speculate on whether Kumar will be allowed to contest the seat. "As it's a by-election, and different qualities are required, the NEC interviews the prospective candidates and recommends whether there should be a new selection process," says a spokesman. It sounds ominous. John Major rallied to the defence of his black prospective candidate in Cheltenham. Will Neil Kinnock follow his example?

Romance in the air

DAVID OWEN'S teasing tales of his first love in his new autobiography appear to have started a new trend in political memoirs. Barbara Castle, who is now working on her autobiography, is the latest to promise that her political anecdotes will be spiced "with a bit of sex".

The octogenarian peer is not giving too much away in advance. "If I say there will be lots of sex, people will say Barbara is trying to outdo David Owen. If I say there won't be much, they will say she is just being a spoilsport. You'll have to wait and see."

But if Owen really has set a trend, what other titillating episodes can we look forward to? Most of Mrs Thatcher's former ministers have already gone into print, although two exceptions remain: Nigel Lawson and Sir Geoffrey Howe. The mind boggles.

● *Baltic independence is having some unlikely consequences. Stanley Gibbons reports that pre-war Baltic stamps have doubled in value in recent weeks. The Latvian stamps, in particular, produced between 1918 and 1940, have seen an upsurge in sales. Many were overprinted on any old bit of paper the Latvians could lay their hands on including military maps, banknotes, exercise-books and even cigarette paper.*

LABOUR'S PARADOXES

Can Neil Kinnock wrestle free of the incubus of Labour's past and proffer himself as a plausible prime minister over the next six months? Or can Labour free itself of the incubus of Mr Kinnock, and present itself as a plausible team to lead the country? The party gathers for its last pre-election conference in Brighton with these paradoxes dominating its thoughts.

Mr Kinnock's long march to electability has been arduous. Some of the tergiversation has been astounding. He has totally abandoned unilateralism. Nationalisation has all but disappeared. The shadow Chancellor, John Smith, has made a totem of fiscal and monetary respectability. Even Labour's weakest area, relations with the unions, has been reduced to a mild pledge to tinker with rather than abandon Tory laws. As John Major moves fast towards the content-free middle ground, eschewing all Thatcherism, the floating elector might be wondering why bother to vote for a change at all.

Labour appears to have run this risk with equanimity. The unionised manufacturing sector may be a shadow of its former self, but still expects from a Labour government some of the privileges of old. The white collar public-sector, the teachers, civil servants, local government and health service staffs all look to the party to guard their interests. Yet apart from some reckless promises on health from Robin Cook, these groups can take scant comfort from Mr Smith's dogged refusal to allow himself to be portrayed as a spendthrift. Hence his inability to decide whether to accuse the Tories of running a heartless recession or a pre-election boom.

Labour has failed to send voters any new political message to replace the varying shades of socialism of the old. This is curious. The party, as Eric Hobsbawn has often told it, has at its roots an ideology justifying the entire public sector: redistributive taxation, equality of opportunity, the collective relief of poverty, the concept of "fair" resource allocation. Socialism in this sense lives on as much in Mr Major's Treasury as in Labour's manifesto draft. But Labour's belief in collective action should give it all sorts of advantages. This should enable it to harness the new idealism of environmental conservation, from global warming to town and country planning; and give it a head-start in the emerging corporatism of Europe's centralist bureaucracies, still fashionable among the floating voters.

There is no inherent reason why a renewed Labour party should not be able to sharpen its appeal, as Harold Wilson did in 1963-4. It has become a commonplace that, while the Wilson/Thatcher years were dominated by economic growth, post-Thatcherism will be about ethics and the morality of social action, at home and in a European and world context. The party is already regarded by the voters as stronger than the Tories on health, education and training, poverty and housing. Ten years of Margaret Thatcher have not won "supply side-ism" for the Conservative party.

Yet for all this, Labour goes on dancing aimlessly to its own mood music. And Mr Kinnock seems unable to complete his cleansing. The union link remains a handicap, despite the desperate efforts of union leaders such as John Edmonds to dissolve it. The antics of Labour local councils, both in London and across the country, still raise doubts about the "fitness to govern" claim — particularly damaging for a party with a robust stand on local taxation and autonomy. The inability of the leadership to find any convincing replacement for the abandoned philosophy of the Callaghan-Foot years, the vacuity of last week's political broadcast, all make the true character of the present-day Labour party hard to identify.

This week's conference may give some clues as to whether Mr Kinnock's revisionist march has run out of puff. Even if the answer is no, Mr Kinnock will face a further question. Is he another Gaitskell — a leader of skill and courage who lacks the final credibility and is thus denied the fruits of his own labours? Only the election itself can answer that.

NUCLEAR PEACE

The era of Dr Strangelove is over. There has been no stronger symbol of the end of the Cold War than the Pentagon's order on Saturday to stand down the American strategic nuclear-bomber forces after nearly 40 years. President George Bush's wide-ranging proposals for reducing nuclear weapons of all kinds are an imaginative and welcome response to the changes in Europe and the Soviet Union.

The cutback challenges the existing nuclear powers, as the cautious initial reaction of Mikhail Gorbachev showed. His foreign minister Boris Pankin yesterday offered a "commensurate response" but hedged by referring to existing disparities in the two nuclear arsenals. Britain and France will also have to reassess and rejustify their nuclear forces, including Britain's Trident. The assumptions of Western nuclear strategy are no longer valid. The Warsaw Pact has been dissolved and there is no realistic likelihood of a military attack on Nato countries from either the former Soviet Union or its constituent republics.

Mr Bush's new initiative offers a route away from the nuclear arms race towards minimum deterrence. First, the risk of accidental battlefield nuclear confrontation is being ended by the destruction of nuclear artillery shells and ground-based short-range missiles. Second, this year's strategic arms treaty is being implemented early with the removal from alert status of all intercontinental missiles due to be deactivated under the treaty. But Mr Bush has gone much further, ordering a wide range of unilateral cuts in the present and future American nuclear arsenal. He is proposing talks with the Soviet Union to *eliminate all intercontinental ballistic missiles with multiple warheads (the most destabilising weapons).*

If reciprocated these changes would substantially reduce the stockpiles of nuclear weapons of all kinds in both America and the Soviet Union. The doctrine of massive retaliation would be progressively replaced by a policy more like that of Britain and France, of keeping only a minimum deterrent nuclear force.

That challenges the Soviet nuclear command, which has enjoyed an independence and a claim on Soviet resources that have so far largely gone unquestioned. President Gorbachev and particularly President Boris Yeltsin may accept that such a reassessment is overdue and desirable, and indeed that it must take place before the former Soviet Union fragments into a pattern of smaller powers all insisting on being consulted on nuclear strategy. But the real sign of change in the Soviet Union will be if the generals in charge agree to such a reduction.

The British government has responded quickly by also announcing the scrapping of battlefield nuclear artillery and warheads, and the withdrawal of nuclear weapons from surface ships. But Tom King, the defence secretary, has been adamant about keeping Trident, due to come into service from 1994. He argues that this is already a minimum deterrent. But he may have to review giving Trident's D5 missiles multiple warheads — increasing Britain's nuclear firepower five-fold over the "minimum deterrent" of Polaris — as opposed to single warheads. Britain cannot automatically rely upon Mr Bush making an agreement with the Soviets to eliminate multiple warheads from Soviet and American missiles, while continuing to service British multi-headed D5s.

This reopening of the nuclear strategy debate in Britain should offer no great difficulty, especially as Labour has at last acquired some maturity on the subject. A fresh basis for the retention of a British deterrent in principle and the Trident project in particular is required. But once minimum deterrence becomes the doctrine of all the nulcear powers, Britain and France can claim to have got there first.

NET BOOK DISAGREEMENT

When vested interests die, they rarely do so with courage. The net book agreement, which protects the book trade from some of the unseemly pressures of competition, is in its death-throes. Last Friday's decision by Dillons, the country's second-biggest book chain, to cut prices on 20 best-selling titles may or may not turn out to be the mortal blow. But time is obviously running out for this particular price maintenance. There will be much gnashing of teeth in the literary world, with widespread predictions of a descent into universal illiteracy among the heirs of Dickens, Milton and Shakespeare.

Why should this industry be so fearful of a law against resale price maintenance that other industries have to observe and from which it has special exemption? Perhaps abolition of the NBA would skew the economics of the book trade against small booksellers and in favour of the large chains.

This might be unfortunate, but there is no reason why such booksellers are any more deserving of special protection than local grocers. Nor has the existence of the NBA stopped Dillons and Smiths from voraciously cornering every niche in the book market. Many local food stores were wiped out by the general abolition of price fixing in the retail sector in the 1960s. But new ones emerged more attuned to consumer needs

There is every reason to suppose that specialist bookstores and those with geographical monopolies would survive on the same terms and for the same reasons. The argument of those few publishers still in favour of the NBA centres on the variety of books that it allegedly allows to be published. In 1990, there were 64,000 new titles published in Britain. Would greater retail competition make it harder for unknown authors to make it into print? Possibly, but then the industry ceaselessly complains that it is producing too many books already: the number of titles rose by 50 per cent over the past decade, many of dubious quality as well as dubious profitability.

Publishers do cross-subsidise from bestsellers to unknown authors, but that is a decision that they should make on their own behalf, not at the expense of the book-buying public. Competition should make booksellers and publishers more efficient. Since the industry is about risk, efficiency should increase the resources available for risk. Even with the NBA in place, publishers paid ever more attention during the 1980s to promoting best sellers through marketing techniques such as the Booker prize. They still published a rising number of unknown authors, some promoted as loss-leaders, others on the off-chance of a jackpot.

The main reason for the ever-greater variety of books being published is the rapid decline in printing and publishing costs and the steady growth of public demand. Since more retail competition should improve both sides of this equation, it should not be feared but welcomed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Education challenge to archbishop

From Mr Lawrence Norcross

Sir, If the Archbishop of Canterbury really believes that exclusively Christian schools are "socially divisive, educationally damaging and spiritually unsatisfying" (report, September 20), how does he justify his position as head of what I had previously supposed to be an exclusively Christian church?

If I wish to make a financial contribution to spiritual regeneration, would it not be wiser for me to subscribe to my local mosque or synagogue, neither of which appears to suffer from a crisis of spiritual confidence?

A clear lead on issues of personal morality and responsibility rather than an exercise in superficial sociology would have been a more appropriate archiepiscopal response to the recent problems of Tyneside, Cardiff and Oxford.

Given Dr Carey's rather dubious standing with many of his flock, the Labour party may regard his endorsement of their educational ideology as something of a mixed blessing.

Yours faithfully,
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6-8 Trinity Crescent, SW17.

From the Reverend Dr John D. Gay

Sir, Your leader of September 21, "Opting out the church", gives a rather misleading picture of London church primary schools.

You quote the Archbishop of Canterbury as saying that four out of five of the 137 schools in the London diocese are "hugely over-subscribed", which is true. However, you then go on to give as your reason for this that middle-class parents want free education that is "mildly selective, sometimes with a small proportion of non-white children". That is not why these schools are over-subscribed.

Dr Carey was quoting some independent research that this institute has recently undertaken on church schools in the diocese of London. The evidence shows that these church primary schools reflect their environment.

Some surburban schools are white and middle-class, as is their neighbourhood, but church schools in inter-city areas have a high proportion of working-class children, and the majority also have children from homes which profess religions other than Christianity.

Overall, only a minority (one in five) have over 75 per cent of middle and professional-class children. In nearly half of the schools over 75 per cent of the pupils come from working-class backgrounds, and in a quarter of the schools this rises to 90 per cent. Virtually all the schools are ethnically mixed, and in some cases white pupils form less than a quarter of the school population.

Our research has firmly rebutted the popular stereotype of a London church primary school as a white middle-class enclave in a mixed-race area.

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr Steven Barrett

Sir, It is with some incredulity that I read (September 21) the partial text of Dr Carey's speech in which he attacked Christian schools. On his own admission such schools provide a loving framework, but the needs of the whole individual are addressed and met, not just the pursuit of knowledge. In this atmosphere the individual pupil is prepared for the outside world, not isolated from it.

The academic results generally surpass those within the state system. Pupils are far from being damaged educationally, as he alleges. Christianity is exclusive, whilst all-embracing to those who wish to follow Jesus Christ. Children in Christian schools who have chosen this way, and with whom I have spoken, seem to me totally spiritually satisfied.

If Dr Carey examined the facts, he would find that Christian schools provide not only one of the best ways to educate and develop the individual, but also to ensure the healthy social development and integration of our next generation.

Yours faithfully,
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Time to sweep Japan's slate clean?

From Sir Bernard Braine, MP for Castle Point (Conservative)

Sir, We are enjoying a Japanese festival in Britain. Japanese industry looks forward to a growing market here for its high quality products. Japanese leaders expect to sit at the top table during deliberations concerning world peace and development. And why not?

Alas, there is a debt of honour which still remains unpaid. Fifty years ago Japan's armies swept across south-east Asia. Tens of thousands of Allied servicemen and civilians fell into their hands. Those not butchered on the spot, like the wounded in the Alexandra hospital in Singapore who were bayoneted to death in their beds, were subjected to every kind of cruelty and deprivation in captivity.

Thousands were starved to death, used as slave labour, deprived of medical aid, and humiliated at every turn. All this was in defiance of established international conventions governing the conduct of war in regard to the treatment of prisoners.

In 1951 we signed a peace treaty under which the survivors of these abominations received the pitiful sum of £76.50; civilian internees received £48.50, derived from the proceeds of Japanese assets seized here at the outbreak of war. Japan may have been prostrate then, but today she is one of the richest nations on earth.

Thousands of those liberated from the hell of Japanese PoW camps in 1945 are now dead. Thousands more are still with us, after a lifetime of agonising physical and mental ill-health. So it was that in June last year their representatives petitioned the UN Commission on Human Rights, under Ecosoc Resolution 1502, for reparation.

The claim was supported by the International Red Cross and by detailed medical dossiers. This was accompanied by similar claims from survivors in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the USA and The Netherlands. The UN Commission determined that there remains a case for Japan to answer. We await the response.

Today's Japan has earned respect for its discipline and industry. It is appreciated that prime minister Kaifu has publicly apologised for the "unbearable sufferings" inflicted on helpless captives a generation ago. But surely something more than an apology is needed if the slate is to be wiped clean?

It should not therefore be beyond the capacity of the Japanese and British governments to devise an honourable and practical way of ensuring reparation to the survivors and to widows for such a grievous wrong.

Perhaps this could be done through endowment of an appropriate foundation to relieve the continuing psychiatric and medical trauma so many are still experiencing. If that could be achieved, the way should then be open to a lasting and fruitful friendship between Japan and Britain.

Yours faithfully,
BERNARD BRAINE,
House of Commons.
September 26.

'Bomber' Harris statue

From Mr Alan Bramson

Sir, I read that the mayors of Pforzheim and Dresden are lodging formal complaints about the long overdue statue of Marshal of the RAF Sir Arthur Harris, to be erected in The Strand (report, September 28).

They should reflect that while, by nature, the British people are not slow to forgive, they would be very foolish to forget. They should also recall that Germany started the policy of attacking cities, among them Warsaw, Rotterdam, many French and Belgian cities, Coventry, Liverpool, Bristol and London — need I go on?

Britain in 1939 had not prepared for war, whereas Germany took full advantage of the fact that it had by bombing the defenceless. Harris and his valiant Bomber Command were fighting a vile regime that threatened world slavery; but for them, the cities of Europe and beyond would all be displaying statues of Adolf Hitler. Personally I would prefer to see Arthur Harris.

Yours faithfully,
ALAN BRAMSON,
The Royal Air Force Club,
Piccadilly, W1.

Labour and schools

From Mr Andrew P. Dunnett

Sir, As someone who benefited greatly from charitable assistance to go to public school, I am dismayed by Jack Straw's proposals on behalf of the Labour party to scrap assisted-place schemes in private schools (Education, September 23). I fear that such an action would be a great loss to the young, 27,000 at present, who benefit from this scheme.

Many families at my school and others are sacrificing much to educate their young and are looking for value for money. Grandparents often assist.

What we should be hearing from Labour is about new training schemes aimed at attracting graduates into the profession, of increasing teachers' pay to a level comparable with the private sector, and of new schemes to tackle the appalling discipline in schools. Buildings are in vital need of repair and there is a lack of textbooks and equipment.

The desire to be rid of private education is back to haunt Labour. Their stopping of the assisted-places scheme would surely be the first step along an unacceptable route to the "hidden agenda" of ultimately closing public schools.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW P. DUNNETT,
11 Prima Road, SW9.
September 25.

Riots and deprivation

From Miss Charlotte Hofton

Sir, Having read accounts of what must surely be the ultimate in social deprivation, perhaps the Archbishop of Canterbury will tell us when we may expect John McCarthy and Jackie Mann to start rampaging round the streets.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLOTTE HOFTON,
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Ryde, Isle of Wight.

Serbs and Croats

From Miss Snježana Lelas

Sir, I attended both primary and secondary school in Zagreb, the capital of Croatia, from 1977 to 1989. Contrary to what Mr Quin (September 25) seems to suggest, we were taught both the Latin and the Cyrillic alphabet. The use of Cyrillic was practised by reading Serbian literature. I am a Croat.

Yours sincerely,
SNJEŽANA LELAS,
St Hilda's College, Oxford.

Pursuit of tyrants

From Mr Louis FitzGibbon

Sir, Lord Shawcross ("Putting Saddam on trial", September 27) reminds us that under the genocide convention of 1946 and the Geneva convention of 1949 Britain, as a state signatory, has a legal duty "to search for persons alleged to have committed grave breaches . . . and bring them before the courts."

There is another tyrant at liberty who is certainly guilty of genocide as well as an endless list of unspeakable crimes against humanity. His name is Mengistu Haile Mariam and he is to be found in Zimbabwe.

We should be urging President Meles Zenawi of the transitional government of Ethiopia to demand of President Robert Mugabe of Zimbabwe that Mengistu be sent to Addis Ababa immediately, and certainly before her Majesty goes to Harare for next month's Commonwealth conference.

Yours sincerely,
LOUIS FITZGIBBON,
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Political costs

From Dr G. Kingsley Williamson

Sir, I suggest that the funding difficulties identified in Peter Riddell's article (September 23) on diminishing membership and support for the political parties are in danger of putting our well-established democratic processes at risk. We are approaching the position where candidates may appear only if some powerful, undemocratic, rich lobby chooses to support them.

Surely the fact that so many of Labour's shadow cabinet are directly sponsored by trade unions indicates the desperate state to which our democracy is being driven by the inadequate funding process.

In the three constituencies where I have been a member the Conservatives have relied on individual membership fees and local fund-raising events to support the local association. If such funding, too, is collapsing, and I think it is, then the need for some government funding to the constituency parties is essential and urgent.

Yours faithfully,
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Nailsea,
Bristol, Avon.

One-way ticket

From Mr Steve Anslow

Sir, I have recently obtained a copy of the new BR timetable for my local Manchester to Glossop service. One station on the line, Godley East, has one train to Manchester at 1 pm on a Saturday. This is the only train of the week; there is no return service.

Is this Britain's worst train service?

Yours faithfully,
STEVE ANSLOW,
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Broadbottom, Cheshire.

Top salaries review

From Sir Samuel Goldman

Sir, With the argument in your leader ("Reward without risk", September 24) against postponing publication of the Top Salaries Review Body's latest report I am in total agreement. But do I detect a certain bias against civil servants in the case you make?

You start by coupling them with judges, partly no doubt because of the current unpopularity of the judiciary. But by the end of your leader the judges have been let off (without a caution) and the civil servants stand in the dock alone.

Yet according to the latest published report of the review body which I have seen (Cmd 938 of February 1990) top civil servants number 660 out of a total of some 2,030 public servants dealt with by the review body. The balance of nearly 1,400 is made up of admirals, generals, air marshals and some subordinate ranks, as well as judges of all descriptions and some others.

What then is to be done about all these? Or are the miserable civil servants to be treated separately, a special pariah class subjected to criteria quite different from those which apply to the rest?

Come, Sir, be fair, even to senior civil servants.

Yours faithfully,
S. GOLDMAN (Second Permanent Secretary, Treasury, 1968-72),
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Guildford, Surrey.
September 24.

From Dr S. J. Lockwood

Sir, One should not overlook the implications for lower echelons when pay for the top levels is constrained unduly.

Failure to increase top salaries to more realistic levels blocks the rationalisation of pay lower down the hierarchy. Throughout the 1970s the lower paid were often awarded proportionately more than those above them. Inevitably this resulted in a progressive telescoping of pay scales. For example, within the scientific civil service, of which I am a member, each pay band reaches more than half way up the next senior band.

This anomaly has yet to be addressed, even though it often results in able individuals refusing advancement because the financial incentive is not seen to equal the additional workload or domestic inconvenience.

Surely it is in the nation's long-term interest to attract, advance and duly reward the best.

Yours faithfully,
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September 26.

The hunting debate

From Mrs Diana Wilson

Sir, The British Field Sports Society's study group, whose report you summarised on September 24 ("Why the country needs hunting"), says that "urban society has been insulated from the reality of the animal world". Has it? Is there not nowadays greater awareness of worldwide cruelty to animals and of the "reality" of factory farming and blood sports?

I am also puzzled by the reference to "moves in the National Trust to ban shooting as well as hunting on its land". I have received my voting papers for this year's annual general meeting and can find no reference to either.

Understandably, it does not suit the British Field Sports Society to admit that opposition to their activities crosses all the usual political divisions.

The reference to the "unrestricted activities of deer" when hunting with hounds is banned takes no account of the fact that the majority are already culled by shooting. Both the Forestry Commission and the National Trust employ their own marksmen, and the ministry of agriculture has recently been instrumental in setting up a deer management plan to work with the local farmers here in the West Country, precisely to exercise the control which the hunt so obviously fail to do.

Finally, and most misleading of all, we have the familiar "civil liberties" and "conscience of individuals" arguments. What nonsense! Is it seriously suggested that it should have been left to individual choice whether to take part in, for example, badger baiting and dog fighting, any more than other equally evil activities which were banned many years ago?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr E. D. Leigh-Pemberton

Sir, The excellently argued piece about hunting misses one important point about conservation.

After centuries of hunting there is no better conserved species in Britain than the fox. He needs no help from the animal rights movement.

Yours faithfully,
E. D. LEIGH-PEMBERTON,
Longcot House,
Faringdon, Oxfordshire.

From Mr T. G. Talbot

Sir, What do the opponents of fox-hunting complain of? They do not seem to want to make the fox a protected species. They want to get rid of the ceremony of the hunt, the killing of an animal for fun. It is by no means evident that to hunt for a fox with hounds is more cruel than to fire at him with a gun, trap him or poison him.

To induce a fish to swallow a barbed hook and then to "play" him till he is exhausted is perhaps more cruel than the kill that may end a fox hunt. Be that as it may, it is significant that there is no lobby to prohibit angling. One can guess why.

Yours faithfully,
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From Ms Melanie Lowe

Sir, There are many social, economic and environmental reasons which justify the responsible management of the countryside. To rear animals so that people can enjoy killing them is not one of them.

Yours faithfully,
MELANIE LOWE,
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From Mrs Elizabeth Howard

Sir, By all means put the debate about field sports back "in the consciences of individuals"; but spare the rest of us the tedium of their moral gymnastics.

Yours faithfully,
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Spreading doubt

From Mr Stewart Rigby

Sir, It is many years since I stopped using butter to butter my bread, but so far I have not found a suitably concise verb to indicate my use of a butter substitute. What can I say?

Yours faithfully,
S. RIGBY,
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COURT CIRCULAR

BALMORAL CASTLE
September 29: Divine Service was held in Crathie Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend Keith Angus preached the Sermon.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 28: The Duke of York, Honorary Commander of the Sea Cadets, this morning attended the commissioning of the Colchester Unit's Light Vessel, T.S. Colne Light, at the Hythe, Colchester, Essex.

His Royal Highness was received by Major G. A. Charrington (Deputy Lieutenant of Essex).

The Duchess of York, Patron, this afternoon attended the Motor Neurone Disease Association's National Conference and delivered the Patrick Hamilton Lecture at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham.

Captain Alexander Baillie-Hamilton was in attendance.

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, today visited South Wales as part of the Award's 35th Anniversary Weekend.

His Royal Highness this morning attended the Anniversary Service in Llandaff Cathedral, Cardiff.

The Prince Edward was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards) and the Bishop of Llandaff (the Right Reverend Roy Davies).

This afternoon The Prince Edward visited Margum Park, West Glamorgan, where His Royal Highness attended a reception for industrialists and a lunch given by West Glamorgan County Council.

Later, The Prince Edward visited Three Cliffs Bay, Gower Coast, to see the Anniversary Weekend participants undertaking adventurous activities, and during the evening joined them for a barbecue at North Hills Farm.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Glamorgan (Lieutenant Colonel Sir Michael Llewellyn, Bt).

The Princess Royal this morning arrived at Heathrow Airport, London, from Chile.

Mrs Richard Carew Pole and Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
September 28: The Lady Elizabeth Basset has succeeded the Lady Margaret Colville as Lady-in-Waiting to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 28: The Duke of Kent, Colonel in Chief of The Devon and Dorset Regiment, today presented new Colours to the 4th Battalion at Wyvern Barracks, Exeter, Devon and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Devon (Lieutenant Colonel the Earl of Morley).

Captain the Hon Christopher Knollys was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon presented The Queen's Trophy at the Brent Walker Festival, Ascot, Berkshire.

Mrs Fiona Henderson was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Stanley Bailey, former chief constable, Northumbria, 65; the Rev Dr Gordon Barritt, former principal, National Children's Home, 71; Lord Belstead, 59; Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, RTZ Corporation, 62; Mr Kevin Brewer, governor, Maidstone Prison, 42; General Sir Edward Burgess, 64; Professor Geoffrey Chisholm, surgeon, 60; Viscount Cranborne, 45; Professor Sir Eric Denton, marine biologist, 68; Sir Peter Fawcus, colonial officer, 76; Mr Staffan Gadd, banker, 57; Mr A.E.S. Green, painter, 52; Mr A.R. Hacker, clarinettist and conductor, 53; the Right Rev Patrick Harris, Bishop of Southwell, 57.

Miss Deborah Kerr, actress, 70; Professor F. Llewellyn-Jones, former principal, University College of Swansea, 84; Mr Johnny Mathis, singer, 53; Sir Nevill Mott, physicist, 86; Mr Ian Ogilvy, actor, 48; Mr Stewart Steven, editor, *The Mail on Sunday*, 53; Mr J.I.M. Stewart (Michael Innes), author, 85; Mr Donald Swann, composer, pianist and singer, 68; Mr Peter Yarranton, chairman, Sports Council, 67.

Royal Navy Frobisher Special Entry No 55

Members of "Special Entry No 55" celebrated their 50th anniversary on September 28/29 by planting a tree in the grounds of the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, bearing the inscription "To commemorate the September 1941 Special Entry Cadets from Belgium, Canada, Free France, India, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa and the United Kingdom".

Memorial service

Mr Rupert Martin
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Rupert Martin was held on Saturday at St Mary's, Bruton, Somerset. The Rev Martin Barber, Chaplain of King's School, Bruton, officiated, assisted by the Right Rev Alec Hamilton and Canon John Higgins. Miss Sarah Shillingford and Mr Andrew Moncrieff, grandchildren, read the lessons and Mr Basil Wright gave an address.

Mr A.H. Beadles, Headmaster of King's School, and Mr Henry Hobhouse, Chairman of Somerset County Council, were among those present.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of the Prince's Trust and the Prince's Scottish Youth Business Trust, will visit Thurso Town Hall at 12.20 to meet young people and volunteers; and will open Legion Housing Scotland's sheltered housing scheme at Tom Matheson Court, Thurso, at 1.05.

The Princess Royal, as President of the British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, will visit Puffa, The Old Canteen, Windrush Industrial Estate, Witney, at noon; will attend the Patrizia Wigan Children's fashion show at the Dorchester hotel at 4.10 in aid of the Save the Children Fund; and will attend a reception given by the Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled at St James's Palace at 6.10.

The Duchess of Kent will visit the Britten-Pears School for Advanced Musical Studies, High Street, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, at 11.20; and the St Helena Hospice, Barncroft Close, Highwoods, Colchester, Essex, at 2.45.

Dinner

10, Kings Bench Walk
Mr Ronald Thwaites, QC, presided at the 40th anniversary dinner of Chambers held at the Parliament Chamber, Inner Temple, on Saturday night. The guests of honour were His Honour Bernard Lewis, His Honour Judge Henry Palmer, His Honour Judge Kenneth Zucker, QC, and Mr C.B. Harrison, JP.

Appointments

Mr Giles Baker to be Vice-Chairman of the Inland Waterways Amenity Advisory Council, from January 1. Mr David Wain has been re-appointed as chairman. Mr Baker will succeed Mr Wain in November 1992.

Judge Harold Wilson to be part-time President of the Transport Tribunal, from October 1.

Lecture

Royal College of Radiologists
Dr D. Geddes delivered the Kerley Pergamon lecture at the annual scientific meeting of the Royal College of Radiologists held on Saturday at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Dublin.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.G. Bucknall
and Mrs P. Eden
The engagement is announced between Julian, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Bucknall, of Hampton, Middlesex, and Patricia, daughter of Mrs Margaret Watson, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Mr S.W.V. Coppinger
and Miss H.J. Harrison
The engagement is announced between Stephen, elder son of Dr and Mrs W.W. Coppinger, of Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Hazel, only daughter of the late Mr W.A. Harrison and of Mrs M.J. Harrison-Nieuwhof, of Ham, Surrey.

Mr St J.P.P. Coughlan
and Miss J.C.S. Taylor
The engagement is announced between Lieutenant St John Coughlan, 13th/18th Royal Hussars, son of Mr J.P. Coughlan, of Banstead, and Mrs B.M. Coughlan, of Kenley, Surrey, and Josephine, daughter of Captain and Mrs T.S. Taylor, of Horsington, Somerset.

Mr P.W. Doherty
and Miss C.E. Fletcher
The engagement is announced between Paul, elder son of Mr and Mrs Graeme Doherty, of Ohope, New Zealand, and Carole, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ronald Fletcher, of Haywards Heath, West Sussex.

Mr J.H.L. Garton
and Miss H.S. McLuskie
The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of the late Mr Ian Garton and of Mrs Michael James, of East Sutton, Kent, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs John McLuskie, of Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire.

Senor F.J. Gines
and Miss C.E. Cooke
The engagement is announced between Francisco, only son of Senor Francisco Gines and Senora Delfina Diaz, of Madrid, and Caroline, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Cooke, of Chalfont St Giles, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S.G. Smellie
and Miss V.R. Simms
The engagement is announced between Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Keith Smellie, of Rowington, Warwick, and Vivien, youngest daughter of Mr Brian Simms, of Swanley, Kent, and Mrs Ruth Simms, of Canterbury, Kent.

Mr J.F. Wilkinson
and Miss M.G. Murtagh
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs F. Wilkinson, of Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, and Maureen, second daughter of Mr and Mrs S.P. Murtagh, of Little Bookham, Surrey.

OBITUARIES

MILES DAVIS

Miles Davis, jazz trumpeter, bandleader and composer, died of pneumonia and a stroke in Santa Monica, California, on September 28 aged 65. He was born on May 25, 1926.

MILES Davis was an enigmatic and restless artist who continually re-shaped his style and his career - if not his individual sound - over four decades. Most of the greatest jazz musicians have developed one distinctive approach; Davis fashioned three or four including a controversial blend of jazz-rock. Along the way he cultivated a brooding persona which earned him the sobriquet "Prince of Darkness". The image was compounded by the sound of his voice, an eerie whisper which he acquired in the late 1950s after trying to shout while recovering from an operation on his vocal cords. Whether or not his rock-influenced recordings will endure, he secured his place in history with a series of hugely influential albums in the 1950s and early 1960s.

Miles Dewey Davis III was born in Alton, Illinois, and raised in East St Louis, about 25 miles south along the Mississippi. Unlike most black musicians of his generation, Davis came from a well-to-do family. His grandfather had been a book-keeper and land-owner in Arkansas, his father an affluent dentist who, after moving to Illinois, purchased a 200-acre ranch. Given his first trumpet for his 13th birthday, Davis received private tuition and played in his high school band. In 1944 he enrolled at the Juilliard School in New York. Studying by day, he spent the evenings in the jazz venues of 52nd Street, where Charlie Parker and his circle were setting out the rudiments of bebop.

Within months Davis had abandoned his studies and entered the studios as a member of Parker's quintet. The results show that he was no virtuoso. The rapid-fire trumpet cadenza which opens "Koko", for instance, had to be played by Dizzy Gillespie, who had been "sitting in" on the piano. However Davis was later to turn his technical limitations to his own advantage; in contrast to the ultimately self-defeating pyrotechnics of the beboppers, he evolved a smoother, burnished sound rooted in the middle register.

The first real blossoming of his own talents took place in 1948, after he had set out to form his own band. Mixing with a circle of musicians who met in the flat of the arranger Gil Evans, Davis led a nonet which featured the saxophonists Gerry Mulligan and Lee Konitz. With its unorthodox instrumentation, including French horn and tuba, the group was too sophisticated for most audiences, and was a commercial flop. However Capitol Records were persuaded to stage recording sessions in 1949 and 1950. Years later the tracks were released on an album with the apt title *The Birth of the Cool*.

Davis was in no position to capitalise on his achievement. Once exceptionally clean-living he had fallen into heroin addiction. At one point he scraped together money for drugs by pimping. It was not until 1954 that he returned to full health. The following year saw a string of outstanding tracks for the Prestige label — among them "Walkin'" and "Blue 'n' Boogie". Perhaps the best of all came on a Christmas Eve session with a line-up featuring the eccentric pianist Thelonious Monk and the vibraphonist Milt Jackson. Davis's languid improvisations on "Bag's Groove" and "Bemsha Swing" made telling use of space and silence. During this period he also introduced the metallic harmon mute which, placed close to the microphone, produced the wistful tone that was to become his trademark.

In 1955 he formed his first great quintet, with John Coltrane (tenor saxophone), Red Garland (piano), Paul Chambers (bass) and Philly Joe Jones (drums). The group's finest recordings were made in unusual circumstances. Though Davis had been offered a lucrative contract with Columbia, he was under an obligation to make four more albums for Prestige. He solved the problem by recording all the required material in the space of just two sessions. A mixture of Broadway tunes and bop and blues themes, the music was released on four exceptional albums: *Cookin'*, *Relaxin'*, *Workin'* and *Steamin'*. His relationship with CBS was to last for 30 years. Highlights included the three ambitious orchestral collaborations with Gil Evans — *Miles Ahead*, *Porgy and Bess* and *Sketches of Spain*.

In 1959 came his masterpiece, *Kind of Blue*, a set based partly on modal patterns which freed the musicians from the constraints of the conventional song structure. Davis's terse solos were balanced against the effusive tenor saxophone of Coltrane, the bluesier alto of Julian "Cannonball" Adderley and the impressionistic chords of the pianist Bill Evans. While not the first album to explore modes, it did much to popularise the concept.

By this time magazine features were portraying Davis as a high-earning, debonair man-about-town, complete with expensively appointed home and Ferrari sports car. For all his wealth, he was not free from racial pressures. In the summer of 1959 he was savagely beaten by two New York policemen following an altercation outside the Birdland jazz club. After a night in jail, he was later cleared of all charges against him. The experience left a residue of bitterness.

Another blow came with Coltrane's departure from the quintet. Davis, however, was in scintillating form on his first ever live album, taped in 1961 in the unglamorous setting of the Blackhawk club in San Francisco. Often overlooked in favour of later recordings at Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center, the Blackhawk double album contains Davis's most expressive live work.

The rest of the Sixties found him searching for a new direction. With the advent of Free Form jazz and, above all, the rise of the rock superstars he was being edged out of the limelight. Though he had recruited promising young players such as Herbie Hancock, his concerts were locked into ever more complex chromatic forms, with the old standards being played over and over at a frenetic tempo. The studio albums also seemed to lose the balance between abstraction and emotion. Though these were performances of enormous technical assurance, they seemed almost a private dialogue between the musicians.

By 1968 Davis's audience was beginning to dwindle. His response was to tackle the rock movement head on. There were already hints of the change on *Miles In The Sky*, *Filles de Kilimanjaro* and the ethereal *In A Silent Way* (arguably his last classic album).

With the release of *Bitches Brew* in 1970, Davis went all the way in an extravagant cocktail of jazz psychedelia. The venture had the desired effect: Davis was back in fashion and attracting a huge new audience and increased royalties. Soon he was appearing at rock stadia on the same bill as the likes of Neil Young and Steve Miller. The move ultimately proved a creative dead-end, apart from isolated flashes of excitement on *Live-Evil* and the soundtrack to the boxing documentary *Jack Johnson*. While Davis had acquired cult status amongst the young — and a suitably flamboyant wardrobe — the distinctive sound of his trumpet was soon submerged by the heavy rock ostinati of his musicians, who stayed rooted to one chord for minutes on end. With the release of the would-be street music of "On The Corner" in 1973 (perhaps the most monotonous album ever to bear his name), he was filtering his solos through an electronic "wah-wah" pedal. The world's greatest trumpeter now sounded like a middling guitarist playing on an inadequate PA system. On stage he began to appear increasingly remote and apathetic. His health had been poor, and in 1972 he had suffered fractures after crashing his Lamborghini.

In 1975, after further bouts of serious illness he withdrew into what turned out to be a five-year retirement. Speculation about his activities intensified: the truth, as later depicted in his autobiography, was that he descended into a squalid, semi-reclusive existence dominated by cocaine, heroin and alcohol.

After repeated rumours of a come-back, he finally returned, in 1981, with *The Man With The Horn*, a moderate amalgam of jazz and pop. Still looking extremely frail, Davis resumed touring, winning a well-deserved standing ovation in London in 1983. There were hopes that he was about to embark on a new phase of creativity. *Decoy*, released in 1984, contained some of his strongest playing for 20 years. But the next album *You're Under Arrest* set the pattern for the rest of the decade, with Davis content to mark time by playing brief phrases on undemanding pop themes. The Cindi Lauper hit "Time After Time" hardly stood comparison with "My Funny Valentine". The standard of his sidemen also declined; musicians of the calibre of the guitarist John Scofield were replaced by anonymous apprentices.

Davis, meanwhile, masked his fluctuations in tone and pitch by making ever-increasing use of his mute.

By the time he released *Tutu* in 1986 he had left Columbia for WEA. Assiduously crafted by the producer and multi-instrumentalist Marcus Miller, the synthesiser-based tunes required the mimimum of involvement by Davis, who had only to add his trumpet solos over the pre-recorded tracks. A similar process was used on the subsequent albums *Siesta* and *Amandla*.

Uninterested in celebrating the past, Davis preferred to discuss his enthusiasm for Prince and Michael Jackson. When not touring he devoted much of his time to drawing and painting; his abstract sketches adorned the sleeves of a number of his records. In 1986 he made an appearance on the TV detective series *Miami Vice*, playing a pimp.

1989 saw the appearance of his long-awaited memoirs, *Miles: The Autobiography*. It was marked by a monotonous flow of profanities and a tendency to settle scores with old enemies including former wives but it was also an unflinching self portrait which emphasized Davis's single-minded pursuit of his craft.

"To be a great musician," he wrote, "you've got to always be open to what's new, what's happening at the moment. You have to be able to absorb it if you're going to continue to grow and comunicate your music." In his continual search for something new, Davis was always alive to young talent in jazz, hiring Herbie Hancock when the keyboard player was 23 and the drummer Tony Williams as an 18-year-old. Among the experimentalist musicians he used were Chick Corea, Joe Zawinul, Dave Holland, John McLaughlin, Keith Jarrett, Airto Moreira, Billy Cobham and Jack De Johnette.

His irascible temper and seeming indifference to audiences in the early years made Miles Davis a controversial figure while his refusal to rest upon his laurels won him new admirers as it alienated others. More importantly, his elegant and lyrical musicality added anger, pain and deep sadness to the emotional lexicon of jazz, ensuring that his stature as an innovative influence on jazz trumpet playing — alongside Louis Armstrong, Bix Beiderbecke and Dizzie Gillespie — is unquestioned.

He was married at least three times — to dancer Frances Taylor, singer Betty Mabry and actress Cicely Tyson. He is survived by a daughter and three sons.

KATHLEEN COBURN

Kathleen Coburn, Canadian literary scholar, died in Toronto on September 23 aged 86. She was born on September 7, 1905.

PROFESSOR Kathleen Coburn did much more than any other single person for Coleridge studies since the poet's death in 1834. Before her work on the famous *Collected Coleridge*, a gigantic enterprise begun in 1960 under her general editorship, it was impossible to gauge properly Coleridge's achievement as critic, editor and philosopher. Her work was one of the most important projects of literary research in the twentieth century.

In addition to being a doughty champion of her chosen subject, Coburn was a witty lecturer and an excellent — if modest and never fashionable — critic in her own right. She edited the all-important *Notebooks* (1957-90), with their learned footnotes and invaluable commentary, as well as the *Philosophical Lectures* (1949), and the *Letters of Sara Hutchinson* (1954), whom Coleridge loved.

She also edited much other Coleridgiana. She had the excitement of retrieving the manuscript of the *Philosophical Lectures* intact, when searching a deep cupboard at the house of Gerard Coleridge. She was well into her 70s when she delivered the lively Alexander Lectures, published as *Experience with Thought: Perspectives in the Coleridge Notebooks* (1979).

She received many honours, including two Guggenheim Memorial Fellowships, and membership of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire. She made "the bounty of Coleridge a shared experience with many people in a scholarly world not always known for such generous attitudes" wrote one Coleridge scholar.

The daughter of a Methodist minister, Kathleen Coburn spent all her academic life at Victoria College, in the University of Toronto, first as assistant and associate professor, then as professor (1953-71), and finally as emeritus professor. She had studied at St Hugh's College, Oxford, in 1930, and was made an Honorary Fellow in 1970. The story of her heroic struggle to give Coleridge his scholarly due is best told in her own *In Pursuit of Coleridge* (1977). The Oxford University Press turned down her 1936 proposal to edit the *Notebooks* with a dismissive laugh, doubting that any mere woman could consider attempting such a task. But she persisted, even against the notably mean and unhelpful behaviour of certain parties, led by Humphry House. She treated them generously, humorously and truthfully in her own relaxed account.

For years various scholars had tried to get hold of the *Notebooks*, called by Coleridge himself his "Sole Confidant" (as, indeed, they were). But these notebooks lived in the sitting room, at Ottery St Mary, of the non-literary, frequently impolite and beef-rearing Lord Coleridge, who rebuffed all comers. She got round him, and even came to like him — despite the fact that he would insist on calling her "Bookie". He also frequently tried to dismiss her as a colonial ignoramus. Eventually though, she was able to arrange for the material to be photographed so that it could be studied away from a room in which Lord and Lady Coleridge spent much of their lives. Later the *Notebooks* were sold to the British Museum.

All this, and many other vicissitudes on the way, she describes in *In Pursuit of Coleridge*, together with a moving, but always amusing, account of what it was like, in this period, to be a woman in a world dominated by men with high ideas of themselves.

From E K Chambers onwards, Coleridge had attracted, as well as admirers, moralists. These found his dependence on laudanum, and his not always moderate ingestion of alcohol, to be irreconcilable with either genius or good human qualities. Kathleen Coburn's attitude to such commentators, and her own commentary on their critical faculties, was expressed mainly off the printed page. Nonetheless she acted as a tonic to true admirers of Coleridge's extraordinary mind.

As *The Times* wrote 31 years ago in welcoming the announcement of the *Collected Coleridge*, "there have been all too many showy-looking girls in the literary world in the past century; this is giving them the door..." Professor Coburn lived and worked within the rooms of academe and was hugely respected there.

Marriages

Lord Calum Graham
and Miss C.B. Fraser-Mackenzie
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's, Mvurwi, Zimbabwe, of Lord Calum Graham, younger son of the Duke and Duchess of Montrose, of Nether Tillyrie, Kinross, to Miss Catherine Fraser-Mackenzie, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Fraser-Mackenzie, of Lone Cow Estate, Mutorashanga, Zimbabwe. The Ven Andrew Furlong officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Caitriana Graham, Susanna Saggers, Count Frederik Ahlefeldt-Laurvig-Lehn, Miss Sarah Scott and Miss Kirsten Fraser-Mackenzie. Mr Robert Fraser-Mackenzie was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent in East Africa.

The Hon Hugo Slim
and Miss R. Abrams
The marriage took place on Saturday in the Chapel of St John's College, Oxford, of the Hon Hugo Slim, son of Viscount and Viscountess Slim, of Chelsea, to Miss Rebecca Abrams, daughter of the late Professor Philip Abrams, and of Mrs Derek Greenwood, of Bristol. Canon Dr Anthony Phillips officiated.

The bride, was given in marriage by her brother, Dr Dominic Abrams. Ms Catherine Troupp was best woman and Mr Piers Currie was best man.

A reception was held at St Giles House and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

The Hon J.E.M. Eden
and Miss J.J. Spears
The marriage took place on Saturday in St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong, of the Hon Jack Eden, younger son of Lord Eden of Winton, of London, W8, and of Mrs W. Blanshard, of Shaftesbury, Dorset, to Miss Joanna Spears, eldest daughter of Mr Barrie D. Spears, of Hong Kong, and of Mrs J. Spears, of Guernsey. The Rev John Chynchen officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Charlotte Brown, Nicholas Brown, Mrs Mark Williams and Miss Leini Spears. Mr William Wakeham was best man.

A reception was held at the Hong Kong Club.

Mr N.J. Willis
and Miss C.K. Ridley
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Horsham, Sussex, of Mr Nicholas John Willis, younger son of Dr Peter Willis and the late Elizabeth Willis, of Stillington, Yorkshire, to Miss Celia Kirstin Ridley, elder daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs Adam Ridley, of Richmond, Surrey. Canon Derek Tansill officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Monk, Emily Monk, Belinda Ridley and Miss Harriet Ridley. Mr Colin Matthews was best man.

A reception was held at Faygate Place, Sussex and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr J.A.G. Cotterell
and Miss M.C.B. McManus
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Francis Xavier, Hereford, of Mr James Cotterell, second son of Sir John and Lady Cotterell, of Garnons, Herefordshire, to Miss Maria McManus, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.F. McManus, of Bryngwyn Close, Hereford. Father Thomas Keane and the Rev Bryn Rees officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Poppy Cotterell, Emerald Fennell, Coco Fennell and Miss Jacqueline McManus. Mr David Cotterell was best man.

A reception was held at the Greyfriars and the honeymoon will be spent in Thailand.

Lieutenant R. Heatly, RM
and Miss D. Andrews
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Andrew's Garrison Church of Scotland, Aldershot, of Lieutenant Robert Heatly, younger son of Sir Peter and Lady Heatly, of Lanrig, Balerno, Edinburgh, to Miss Deborah Andrews, only daughter of Mr and Mrs David Andrews, of Moss Grove, Walsall. The Rev J. Whitton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louise Heatly, Mrs Jacquelyn Duncan, Mrs Jilly Lantz and Miss Tracey Williams. Mr Peter Heatly was best man and a guard of honour was found by officers of the Royal Marines.

A reception was held at Great Fosters, Egham, Surrey.

Mr C.R.G. Campion
and Miss C.M.H. Roberts
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 28, at All Saints' Church, Clipston, of Mr Charles Campion and Miss Kate Roberts. The Rev David Faulks officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Alice Parsons, Miss Lucy Roberts, Miss Sophie Colquhoun, Miss Amber Graham-Watson and Master Charlie Probert. Mr Colin Clifton-Brown was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr M.J. Davies
and Miss H.M. Walters
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 28, at All Saints' Church, Porthcawl, Glamorgan, between Mr Martyn John Davies, son of Mr and Mrs Herbert J. Davies, of Abergavenny, Gwent, and Helen Margaret, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ieuan Walters, of Porthcawl.

Dr D.J. Foster
and Miss S.L. Root
The marriage took place on Saturday, September 21, in Balliol College Chapel, Oxford, of Dr David James Foster, son of Mr and Mrs James Foster, of Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, and Miss Sherri Lynn Root, daughter of Mr and Mrs Edwin S. Root Jr, of Madison, Wisconsin. The Rev Douglas Dupree, Chaplain of Balliol College, officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mme Fabrice Colas, of Paris. Mr Richard Morgan was best man.

A reception was held at the Leander Club, Henley-on-Thames.

Mr C.M. Peake
and Miss A. Gibson
The marriage took place on September 28, at Plas Power Chapel, Bersham, between Christopher Miles Peake and Ann Gibson.

Mr K. Van Horn
and Miss J. Sandby
The marriage took place in the Church of Saint-Sauveur, Moissac-Bellevue, France, on Saturday, September 28, 1991, between Mr Karl Van Horn and Miss Joanne Sandby. The Rev Marc Goertz, Minister of the Eglise Réformée de Nice, officiated.

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Dan Cohn-Sherbok

Hostages and the rewards of prayer

EVER since the Middle East hostages were taken, prayers have been made for their release. Relatives, friends and the faithful have turned to God for divine assistance. Now that Jack Mann and John McCarthy have been freed, many of the devout believe that these prayers have been answered, and this has encouraged others to pray fervently for the speedy release of those who are still captive. There is no doubt that such prayer is of great psychological benefit to those who pray as well to those being prayed for. But could such petitions actually bend God's will?

Throughout history Jews have prayed in this way. Abraham, for example, asked God to spare Sodom since he knew that by destroying the entire population, he would annihilate the righteous as well as the guilty. After Israel had made a golden calf to worship, Moses begged God to forgive his chosen people for this sin. Later in the biblical narrative, Joshua prayed to God asking for his help in defeating Israel's enemies. In the Book of Kings, Elijah petitioned God to send fire to consume a burnt offering. Again, in the Book of Psalms, numerous prayers were made to God for a wide variety of ends. And once the sacrificial system disappeared with the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, petitionary prayer played an even bigger role in Jewish worship. Prayers of supplication have occupied a central place in Jewish life and worship.

Despite this tradition, there are serious objections to the efficacy of prayers of entreaty. If God is all-knowing as both the Jewish and Christian tradition maintain, it seems inconceivable that prayers of supplication could affect his will. Since God as an omniscient being is aware of all future events, no amount of prayer could alter what He must know to be the case prior to its occurrence. Regarding those hostages who have been seized, God must have perceived for all time that this would take place. Thus, even before the hostages were born, God would have been aware they would be captured. Similarly he would have known whether they would be freed, and if so when this would take place. This knowledge would have been certain throughout eternity since God's cognition is timeless. The implication of this view is that all which God apprehends cannot be altered by any means, including prayer.

This conception is based on the traditional assumption that God is outside time. He does not live in the present, have a past, or look forward to the future. He exists in the eternal Now. This is very hard for human beings to understand since such an idea is totally outside our sphere of experience; it is only possible to catch a glimpse before the curtain of incomprehension comes down. The notion is that God is experiencing every moment in the past and future history of the created world simultaneously and eternally. What for us are fleeting moments rushing by are a huge static tapestry for God which He perceives as totality.

One analogy to this situation is that of a cinema film. When we go to the cinema, we see shown on the screen the experience of other people. Almost invariably events are portrayed in the order in which they occurred. But if after the film we were able to look at the film-roll itself, we would discover that it is a series of little pictures. And when we look at it, we can perhaps gain some experience of God's timelessness; we see all these pictures simultaneously which we had previously viewed in a temporal sequence.

Given this conception of an all-knowing God, we must conclude that he apprehends the future since he is experiencing it in the eternal Now. God's timeless knowledge is an apprehension of everything which is true - past, present and future. If God's comprehension is like this, there is no way that prayers for him to affect future occurrences could be efficacious. If God knows for example that the hostages are not to be released (or conversely, that they will be freed), this is what is going to happen. There is simply no point in praying for the opposite to take place.

Should we then cease to pray? On the contrary. There is one prayer which should be on the lips of those believers who wish to express both their concern for the plight of the hostages as well as their obedience to God: 'Thy will be done!' There is no sense in seeking to inform God of his responsibilities. He already knows all our needs and indeed all that is coming to pass in our world. The prayer 'Thy will be done' presupposes all this. Yet this prayer directs the hearts of the faithful to God's purposes for good. The mystery of his profidential plan is witnessed by this testimony to his unfathomable wisdom and love. We cannot alter God's intentions, but we can bend our will so that his will becomes our own.

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Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Frederick Sleigh Roberts, first Earl Roberts, field marshal, Cawnpore, India, 1832; Herman Sudermann, writer, Matziken, Germany, 1857.

DEATHS: Fulke Greville, 1st Baron Brooke, poet and statesman, murdered, London, 1628; George Whitefield, evangelist, Newbury Port, Massachusetts, 1770; James Brindley, canal builder, Turnhurst, Staffordshire, 1772; Georges Boulanger, soldier and politician, committed suicide, Brussels, 1891; Rudolf Diesel, engineer, pioneer of the internal combustion engine, at sea, 1913; Frederick Edwin Smith, 1st Earl of Birkenhead, lord chancellor 1919-22, London, 1930; Sir Robert Hadfield, metallurgist, Sheffield, 1940; James Dean, film actor, Paso Robles, California, 1955.

The partition of Poland by Germany and Russia, 1939. The end of the Berlin airlift (began June, 1948), 1949. Botswana was proclaimed a republic, 1966. Albino Luciani, Pope John Paul, died after 33 days in office, 1978.

Nature notes

SMALL wading birds are arriving on our coasts from the Arctic. Purple sandpipers are mainly found on rocky shores, avoiding the sand or mud where so many other waders feed. They are rather dark birds, with a purple sheen on the back, and they feed on mussels and winkles. They usually allow an observer to get quite close before darting silently away over the water.

Turnstones also prefer stony shores, lifting pebbles with their beak and pushing aside seaweed as they search for winkles and shrimps. They are easily identified by their tortoiseshell back and orange legs. Many individuals of both these species will stay in Britain until they return to nest on the tundra next spring.

There are yellow leaves on the horse-chestnut trees and conkers are falling. On some sloe or blackthorn bushes, the bitter blue berries are ripe. Crab-apples are green streaked with red, and will eventually turn golden yellow. Unlike cultivated apples, they have long stalks. On hedges, there are bright red berries on the climbing white bryony. Golden rod that has escaped from gardens is blossoming on railway embankments; and wild golden rod is still in flower on the moors.

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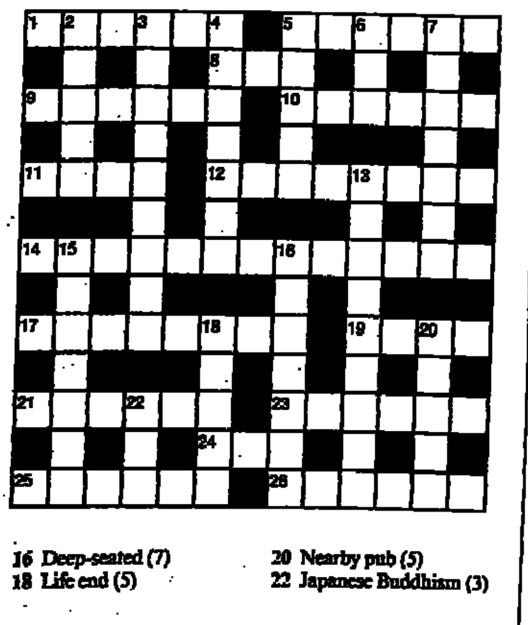

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Your decrees stand firm, and holiness befits your house, Lord, through the ages. Psalm 93:5 REB

BIRTHS

ASQUITH - On September 26th, at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah (née Negretti) and Jonathan, a daughter, Harriet Mary Rose.

BEALE - On September 20th, to Christine (née McPoland) and Nicholas, a daughter, Rose.

KRONSTEN - On September 25th, to Caroline (née Ede) and Henry, a son, Charles Geoffrey, a brother for Victoria.

MANTON - On September 23rd, to Sally and Howard, a son, James Oliver.

NEILL-HALL - On September 26th, to Juliet (née Brandon) and Bill, a son Charles William, a brother for Alice, Edmund, Jack, and David.

PAYNE - On September 26th, to Liz (née Barr) and Chris, a fine son, Alexander James.

RYAN - On 18th September, to Henrietta and Christopher, a son, Alexander Charles Martin, a brother for Francesca

SMITH - On September 27th, at Edith Cavell, Brussels, to Marisa (née Nish) and William, a son, Matthew Victor.

WICKEN - On September 27th 1991 to Joanna (née Gray) and Trevor a son Robert James.

MARRIAGES

McCAFFREY:ELLINGTON - On Saturday September 21st 1991 in Cheshire, Kenneth Neil, youngest son of Mr & Mrs Joseph McCaffrey of Bonhill, Dunbartonshire, to Amanda, elder daughter of The Reverend & Mrs David Ellington of Ashley, Cheshire.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SHARPE:BLYTH - On 30th September 1941 at St Peter's Church H.M. Naval Base Singapore. Adrian to 'Cesca.

DEATHS

BARLEN - On September 24th 1991, whilst on holiday in Switzerland, Michael, dearly loved husband of Antonia and father of Catherine and David and beloved son of Winifred. Family funeral in Switzerland. A Service of Thanksgiving will be arranged later.

CANTY - On September 27th, John Leng, M.C.: T.D., of Lowestoft (Freeman of the City of London). Much loved husband of Mollie, dear father of Valerie and Alan. No flowers please. Donations in lieu to Terminal Care Fund, James Paget Hospital c/o R. Rivett Ltd., 15 Carlton Road, Lowestoft.

COSTLEY-WHITE - On Saturday September 21st to Emma (née Herdman), and Michael Costley-White a son Luke Alexander.

EDWARDS - On September 23rd, Hugh Povall, of Morden College, Blackheath SE3, aged 82 years. Service at Morden College, Wednesday October 2nd at 2.15 pm, followed by cremation at Lewisham. Donations to The Morden College Chapel Fund.

EJSMOND - On September 25th at Westminster Hospital, John beloved son of Alicja and Stanislaus, brother of Sophie and Ewa and Uncle of Robin and Toby. Funeral at Sacred Heart Church, Edge Hill, Wimbledon, on Friday 4th October at 2.30. Cremation at Putney Vale at 3.30. No mourning clothes. Purple and white flowers only or donations to The Terence Higgins Trust.

FULLER - On September 27th, Roy Broadbent, poet, deeply loved and missed by his wife Kate and all his family, son John, brother John and grand-daughters Sophie, Louisa and Emily. Private funeral.

HALL-PINKHAM - On September 25th, at Colchester, Marie Agnes, late of Frinton-on-Sea, aged 83.

HOUSTON - On September 27th, at home in Tasmania, Primula beloved wife of Hugh, mother of Katriona, Alastair and James, and darling daughter of Mark and Rosemary Walhen after a courageous fight against Cancer aged 45.

JOHNSON - On 26th September 1991, suddenly and peacefully at Cirencester Hospital, Ena May of Stratton, Cirencester. Dearly loved wife of Harry, much loved mother of James and Dick. Funeral service on Thursday 3rd October, 12 noon, at St Peters Church Stratton, Cirencester. Flowers if wished to Packer & Slade (Funeral Directors), 1 City Bank Road, Cirencester

LEMON - On September 24th, Audrey Barbara of Langton Green, sister of the late Phyllis M.S.Lemon. Funeral service on Tuesday October 8th at 11am at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium. Flowers or donations, if wished, to the National Trust c/o E.R.Hickmott & Son, 41, Grove Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells.

OLDFIELD - On September 27, 1991, peacefully in Malton Hospital aged 79 years. Wilfred, dearly loved husband of Mona, father of John and Patricia, father-in-law of June and Gary and grandfather to Tracie, Jonathan, William and John. Funeral service Wednesday October 2nd at 11am at Scarborough Crematorium. Family flowers only, please. Donations, if desired, to League of Friends of Malton Hospital.

SCHEPP - On September 26th, at home after a long illness, Daphne Margaret (née Hudson) aged 68. Much loved mother of Joanna and Nick and grandmother of Julia, Kate and Beleke. Funeral Service on Wednesday October 2nd at 2 pm at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Eastry, Kent. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Pilgrims Hospice, 56 London Road, Canterbury, Kent.

WATTON - see Houston

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SIDNEY JOHN GEORGE BUTCHER, Deceased
Any person having knowledge of any Will made by the abovenamed, late of 8 Shepherd Street, Glen Forest, Western Australia, Australia who died at Mundaring, Western Australia, Australia on 26 November 1990, is requested to notify the offices of Judith Fordham, Solicitors of Suite 1, 1076 Hay Street, West Perth, Western Australia, 6005, Australia. Telephone (Western Australia) 321 1610.

LEGAL NOTICES

BLAKEVILLE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
Company Number: 1724207
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 that KEVIN PAUL BARRY, FCA and KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London, W2 6LF, were appointed Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the above Company on Friday, 20th September, 1991 by National Westminster Bank Plc under the powers contained in a Debenture incorporating a Fixed and Floating Charge dated 22nd January, 1988.
Dated the 20th day of September 1991
K.P. BARRY, FCA
and K.D. GOODMAN, FCA
Joint Administrative Receivers

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
READING SNOOKER CLUB LIMITED
Registered number: 1914041. Nature of business: Snooker Club Operator. Trade classification: 39. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Mark Charles Batten and Richard Claude Boys-Stones (office holder nos: 6705 and 7227). Address: Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
SNOW HILL SNOOKER LIMITED
Registered number: 1769750. Nature of business: Snooker Club Operator. Trade classification: 39. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Mark Charles Batten and Richard Claude Boys-Stones (office holder nos: 6705 and 7227). Address: Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL.

LEGAL NOTICES

CCIT Limited
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 1837970
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 10 October 1991 at 11.00 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 9 October 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf
A P SUPPERSTONE
Joint Administrative Receiver

CAPITAL & SUBURBAN INVESTMENTS LTD
- In Administrative Receivership -
Registered Number: 1869994
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1 on 11 October 1991 at 14.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 10 October 1991 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
B K MEATS LIMITED
Registered number: 2500941. Trading name: As above. Nature of business: Meat Wholesalers. Trade classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Peter Supperstone and Raymond Hocking. (office holder nos: 2703 and 2322). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
AERCON DUCTWORK SERVICES LIMITED
Registered number: 1400139. Former company names: None. Trading name: Aercon Ductwork Services Limited. Nature of Business: Heating and Ventilation Engineers. Trade Classification: 07. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 26 September 1991. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Antony Robert Fanshawe and Yvonne Carol Jones. Office holder nos: 539 and 938. Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
WIMBORNE FABRICATIONS LIMITED
Registered number: 1619592. Former company names: None. Trading name: Wimborne Fabrications Limited. Nature of Business: Industrial Plant & Steel Work. Trade Classification: 07. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 26 September 1991. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Antony Robert Fanshawe and Yvonne Carol Jones. Office holder nos: 539 and 938. Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
Caunton Limited
- In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation -
I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I, A P Supperstone, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, was appointed Liquidator of the above named company on 24 September 1991. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to me. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated: 24 September 1991
A P SUPPERSTONE
Liquidator

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES
PROBATE DIVISION
After 14 days from publication of this notice an application for probate of the Will dated 8th May 1980 of JOHN CARO CARAPIET late of London, United Kingdom deceased will be made by STEPHEN ALLAN CREET Executor named in the said Will.
Creditors are required to send particulars of their claims upon his estate to
Allan D Farrar, c/o Messrs White Barnes & McGuire, Solicitors, 99 Elizabeth Street, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia. Telephone: 235 0044 DX 466, Sydney.

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF ALBION SCOTT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held under the provisions of Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986 at the Bonnington Hotel, 92 Southampton Row, London WC1B 4BH, on 21st October 1991, at 10.30 am., for the purposes mentioned in S48(2) and S49 of that Act.
Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or to be represented at the Meeting.
Creditors who intend to vote at the Meeting should note the following:
(a) Written statements of claim must be lodged with the Administrative Receiver by 12 noon on the day before the meeting at Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU.
(b) Proxies for use at the Meeting must be lodged with the Administrative Receiver.
24th September 1991
M.E. Mills,
Joint Administrative Receiver

J. B. WARD & SON LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at 3-5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford WD1 7HG on the 4th day of October 1991, at 3.00 pm for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, that is: 1. The nomination of a Liquidator 2. The appointment of a Liquidation Committee
Proxy forms to be used for the purposes of the above Meeting must be lodged, accompanied by statements of claim, at the Registered Office of the Company, situated at Booth, White & Co., NEM House, 3/5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts. WD1 7HG not later than 4 p.m. on the 3rd day of October 1991.
Notice is also hereby given, pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) Insolvency Act 1986, that Patrick Walter John Hartigan of Booth, White & Co., NEM House, 3/5 Rickmansworth Road, Watford, Herts WD1 7HG is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above Company and will furnish Creditors free of charge with such information concerning the above Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 20th day of September 1991
By Order of the Board
T.J. PORTER
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
3D ART SERVICES LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 21 October 1991 at 11.45 a.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 17 October 1991.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 18 October 1991.
Dated: 3 September 1991
N D ATKIN
Director

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
AERCON VENTILATION SERVICES LIMITED
Registered number: 2329508. Former company names: None. Trading name: Aercon Ventilation Services Limited. Nature of Business: Light & Heavy Engineering. Trade Classification: 07. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 26 September 1991. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Antony Robert Fanshawe and Yvonne Carol Jones. Office holder nos: 539 and 938. Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP.

TO the Clerk to the Licensing Justices for the Licensing District of West Central, Hampstead Magistrates' Court, 2b Downshire Hill, Hampstead, London NW3 1PB.
TO the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, Hampstead Police Station, 26½ Rosslyn Hill, London N.W.3.
TO the Town Clerk of the London Borough of Camden, Town Hall, Euston Road, London N.W.1.
TO the Chief Officer, L.F.C.D.A. 5/6 City Forum, City Road, London EC1V 2NY.
I, PETER JOHN McGOVERN now residing at 4 Embry Way, Stanmore, Middlesex having during the past six months carried on the trade or calling of a Publican and being a person interested in the premises described below do hereby give notice that it is my intention to apply at the Transfer Sessions for the said Division to be held at First Floor, 185 Marylebone Road, London NW1 5QO on the 15th day of October 1991, for the provisional grant to me of a justices' licence authorising me to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises about to be altered or extended for the purpose of being used as a house for the sale of intoxicating liquor situated at 60 Cricklewood Broadway, Cricklewood, London N.W 2. and to be known by the sign of "McGOVERNS, of which premises Michael Kerrigan is the owner.
DATED this 23rd day of September 1991
Hodders of 11 Station Road, Harlesden, London NW10 4UD. Solicitors and Agents for the Applicant.

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These letters were sent from Geneva to a friend back home. The writer of the first, the Rev J. C. M'Clure, later described the funeral, adding that M'Corkindale's body had been frozen to "brittleness so great that the clothes before burial could not be removed."

THE ACCIDENT ON MONT BLANC

"I am extremely sorry to inform you that I have now only too much reason to believe that the Rev George M'Corkindale, of Gourock, perished, with two other travellers and eight guides, in the late deplorable accident on Mont Blanc.

"He was observed as a devout worshiper at Chamounix on Sunday, September 4, and left for Mont Blanc on Monday the 5th. The whole party, having been seen on the summit of the mountain on Tuesday, the 6th, are believed to have lost their way, and in the dreadful storm that arose, and which was felt even at this distance, to have been either hurled over a precipice or frozen to death. After a painful suspense of 12 days, only five of the bodies have been found, one being that of the gentleman believed by me and others on the most reliable circumstantial evidence to be that of Mr M'Corkindale.

"You know that he wrote to you of his intention to ascend the mountain, and the description given by the *chef de guides* in Chamounix, together with the small white neck-ties found with the valise he had with him in the Hôtel de Mont Blanc, leads too sadly to the belief that our fears are verified to the utmost degree. The body, with those of his companions already found, was respectfully buried this morning at 7 o'clock, in the churchyard of Chamounix. I intended to have gone there to identify his remains and pay the last respects to them, had I not got information of his burial at the same time as of the body being found.

"The sorrow in Chamounix and also in Geneva is great, and doubtless the relatives of the departed, and the congregation mourning with them the loss of one whose worth I and many knew, will accept this Christian sympathy. God's will be done!

"P.S.- The universal opinion is that the season was too far advanced by some weeks for the ascent. Snow fell the day the party were up, and here, 45 miles off, the gale was terrific and the cold for some hours intense."

The Rev E D Burrowes writes, under date Geneva, Sept 20:

"In reply to yours of the 16th inst., I must state with the deepest sorrow that no doubt exists here about the loss of your poor friend, Mr M'Corkindale. Two of the bodies of the travellers and three of the bodies of the porters were recovered on Monday, and one body was identified as that of the gentleman whom they knew at the Hôtel de Mont Blanc, where he stayed, as Mr Corkindale. I should mention, however, that in the books he wrote M'Corkindale.

"Your extracts from his letters, his mention of the Imperial Hotel, 'the big hotel opposite' where he stayed, entirely remove from our minds the last hope of any mis-identity. The authorities at Chamounix had the bodies buried yesterday morning about 7, much to my surprise, without apprizing me or the kind and active American consul, who with several American gentleman was waiting anxiously to learn by telegraph when the bodies had been brought into Chamounix, in order to go down. We are informed, however, that a service was held in the Mont Blanc Hotel, by whom and of what nature I can tell nothing. The corpses were deposited in the plot of ground round the little English chapel. I sincerely hope that he has left no poor widow or family. May God help them."

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

DEKALOG PARTS 1 AND 2 (PG): First two parts of Krzysztof Kieslowski's marvellous cycle of modern moralities inspired by the Ten Commandments. Essential viewing.
Renoir (071-837 8402).

JACOB'S LADDER (18): A Vietnam vet (Tim Robbins) is trapped in demon visions and dreams. Fraught, over-fanciful thriller from the writer of *Ghost* and director Adrian Lyne.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861)

MEETING VENUS (12): Backstage dramas while staging *Tannhäuser* in Paris; adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glenn Close; directed by Istvan Szabó, produced by David Puttnam.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THE OBJECT OF BEAUTY (15): Michael Lindsay-Hogg's comic fable about needs and possessions in a ritzy London hotel. Visually thin, but pleasingly performed (with John Malkovich, Andie MacDowell).
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

A RAGE IN HARLEM (18): Buffoonery and violence in a comic-strip Harlem, from Chester Himes's novel; an unpleasant mix. Starring Forest Whitaker, Gregory Hines, Robin Givens. Director: Bill Duke.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

RHAPSODY IN AUGUST (U): Kurosawa's slender drama about coming to terms with the atomic bomb. Flashes of poetry among the talk; Richard Gere jets in briefly.
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

◆ UNDER SUSPICION (18): Liam Neeson as a private eye implicated in murder with a *femme fatale* (Laura San Giacomo). Silly British thriller set in Brighton, 1959.
Cannons: Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Mezzanine (071-930 6111)

CURRENT

ALICE (12): Woody Allen's comic fantasy about a Manhattan wife in crisis. Loose and flimsy, but with a marvellous performance from Mia Farrow.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034).

◆ CLOSE MY EYES (18): Sexual games between brother and sister one long hot London summer, vividly portrayed by writer-director Stephen Poliakoff and an excellent cast (Saskia Reeves, Clive Owen, Alan Rickman).
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743).

IN BED WITH MADONNA (18): Exhilarating, eye-opening portrait, shot during her 1990 world tour. Director, Alek Keshishian. Odeon Mezzanine (0426-915 683).

JULES ET JIM (PG): Truffaut's classic 1962 portrait of a triangular relationship, frisky and tragic by turns. Starring Jeanne Moreau, Oskar Werner, Henri Serre. *Premiere (071-439 4470).*

◆ JUNGLE FEVER (18): Surly, overloaded Spike Lee film about inter-racial relationships, with striking moments among the turmoil. Starring Wesley Snipes, Annabella Sciorra.
Cannon Baker Street (071-935 9772) Empire (071-497 9999) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ THE NAKED GUN 2½ — THE SMELL OF FEAR (12): Leslie Nielsen returns as accident-prone Lt Frank Drebin. Riotous dead-pan comedy. With Priscilla Presley; directed by David Zucker
Empire (071-497 9999).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris: director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071-836 0691).

◆ REGARDING HENRY (12): Master of the Universe turns nice guy after suffering brain damage in a robbery. Skilful blend of the poignant and humorous from director Mike Nichols. Starring Harrison Ford, Annette Bening.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

◆ STEPPING OUT (PG): Lewis Gilbert's warm, spirited version of Richard Harris's play about would-be hoofers, with Julie Walters, Shelley Winters, and a Liza Minnelli star turn.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

◆ TERMINATOR 2: JUDGMENT DAY (15): Good robot Arnold Schwarzenegger battles bad robot Robert Patrick. A fine showpiece for special effects, but the humans get short shrift. Director, James Cameron, with Linda Hamilton.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Prince Charles (071-437 8181) Whiteleys (071-792 3324).

THELMA & LOUISE (15): Distaff road movie with Geena Davis and Susan Sarandon fleeing through the American Southwest. Bracing adventure from director Ridley Scott.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG): Grieving Juliet Stevenson wills her late boyfriend (Alan Rickman) back to life. Endearingly humane drama; a directing début for playwright Anthony Minghella.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

TRUST (15): Rewarding astringent comedy about small-town American domesticity from rising director Hal Hartley. Deadpan performances from Adrienne Shelly and Martin Donovan.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Metro (071-437 0757).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
☒ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

☐ BOLD GIRLS: Imelda Staunton and a fine company in Rona Munro's perceptive look at women's lives in west Belfast.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

☐ THE COUP: Norman Beaton as a deposed president in Mustapha Matura's quirky study of Trinidad politics.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm. 145mins.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: New cast takes over in Brian Friel's Olivier memory-play set in 1930s Donegal.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average, French-boulevard farce.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

☒ HEDDA GABLER: Fiona Shaw outstanding as Ibsen's spirited, doomed heroine in powerful Dublin Abbey Theatre production. Final week
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, London WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 210mins.

☐ GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY: Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits: flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ HIPPOLYTOS: Muted Janet Suzman in otherwise vivid Euripides puzzle-play about sexual desire.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins.

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ THE KNICKERS: Carl Sternheim's deliriously funny comedy on sex and snobbery; well staged.
Lyric Hammersmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 4pm. 140mins.

☐ LADY DAY AT EMERSON'S BAR AND GRILL: Chris Calloway plays Billie Holiday, telling her life story between songs; poignant and cleverly staged.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 5pm and 8pm.

☐ OUR TOWN: Under-powered production of Thornton Wilder's play on small-town America.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

☐ THE PHILANTHROPIST: Captivating performance by Edward Fox in Christopher Hampton's comedy.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 130mins.

☐ THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A FIELD: Excellent Timberlake Wertenbaker play on the good in life and art: Harriet Walter leads a choice cast.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 205mins.

☐ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION: The cult stage version of cult television show, recently at the Mermaid Theatre, reopens in the West End.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☐ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☒ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ☐ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☒ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) . . . ☒ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

WAITING FOR GODOT: Television comedy duo Rik Mayall and Adrian Edmondson — currently starring as a couple of good-for-nothings in the BBC's new six-part comedy series *Bottom* — play tramps Vladimir and Estragon in a new production of Beckett's absurdist play. Working with them will be another from the *Young Ones* — Christopher Ryan, playing Lucky. Philip Jackson is cast as Pozzo. The designs for the production are by the film director Derek Jarman. Opening night.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-494 5040), 7pm.

ALICE COOPER: A rare visit by America's nasty man of rock 'n' roll with his gruelling mixture of rock music, horror and comedy. Cooper describes the experience as being "like a big Salvador Dali painting come to life". His visit coincides with the recent release of the album *Hey Stupid*
Wembley Arena, Wembley, Middlesex (081-900 1234), 7.30pm.

SCOTTISH BALLET: The company moves to *Hull* performing its strong, contrasting triple bill. Robert North's modern, athletic *Troy Game* for a group of eight male dancers features alongside the excellent revival of André Prokovsky's *Vespri*, set to Verdi's ballet music from *The Sicilian Vespers*, and George Balanchine's jazzy syncopation, *Concerto Barocco*. Highly recommended.
New Theatre, Kingston Square, Hull (0482 226655), 7.30pm

PETER USTINOV: Peter Ustinov's one-man show, *An Evening with Peter Ustinov*, delighted audiences at the Haymarket Theatre last year and has since toured Australia, New Zealand and America. Another chance to see Ustinov's ad hoc mix of autobiographical anecdotes and funny foreign accents can be heard as part of Chichester's season of solo shows by celebrities. For one week only
Chichester Festival, Theatre, Oaklands Park, Chichester (0243 781312), 7.30pm

THE CHIEFTAINS: Ireland's top folk band begins a large-scale tour following its 25th anniversary celebrations earlier this year. The tour coincides with the band's latest album, *The Bells of Dublin*, a compilation of traditional melodies arranged by the group's leader, Paddy Moloney
St George's Hall, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.30pm.

COMPAGNIE PHILIPPE GENTY: Philippe Genty's illusionist theatre combines magic, puppetry, mime and *dance in a surrealist spectacle that defies* classification. The French troupe has impressed audiences at the Edinburgh Festival for the past two years and is doing the same in London with its show *Driftings*.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

SIEGFRIED: The third instalment of Götz Friedrich's *Ring* cycle, revived in its entirety by the Royal Opera this season (*Götterdämmerung* follows) is given its first performance tonight. Leading Wagnerian singers René Kollo, Gwyneth Jones and James Morris take the principal roles. Bernard Haitink conducts.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066/1911), 5pm.

AMADEUS: Richard McCabe portrays Mozart in Compass Theatre's revival of Peter Shaffer's award-winning play, about the 18th century rivalry between Mozart and Salieri. Tim Pigott-Smith plays Salieri, alongside celebrated actress and singer Toyah Willcox as Mozart's suffering wife, Constanze. The production, directed by Robert Clare, will tour until the end of November. Next stop Apollo Theatre, Oxford.
Grand Opera House, Great Victoria Street, Belfast (0232 241919), 7.30pm.

THE PHILHARMONIA: Esa-Pekka Salonen presents a three-concert Stravinsky series, heard at the Edinburgh Festival earlier this year. The first features the distinguished Austrian cellist Heinrich Schiff performing Shostakovich's Second Concerto. Parts 2 and 3 follow on Wednesday and October 8.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

Babies at the wave of a pen

TELEVISION

Screen One: Ex
(BBC1)

IN THE late Sixties, when Wendy Craig was the most famous mum on the telly (aside from Katy in the Oxo commercials), I remember the scriptwriter of *Not in Front of the Children* appearing on a chat show and describing how a terribly good brainwave had caused him an embarrassing moment in a restaurant. "I had been trying to think of what could happen next to Wendy," he said, rubbing his knees and chuckling in anticipation, "And then I shouted to my wife, 'I know! I'll make Wendy pregnant!' " (Roars of laughter all round.)

For reasons that will become clear, last night's *Ex*, by William Humble, brought this obscure (and not particularly amusing) anecdote vividly to mind. The play concerned a divorced scriptwriter, Patrick (Griff Rhys Jones), characterised as a loving daddy who thinks the world revolves around babies. When he makes visits to his ex-wife's house, he always picks up bikes from the front path, which tells you he is a natural parent. Unfortunately his new girlfriend, Alice (a thin, leggy Geraldine James), is disinclined to heed the biological clock, despite Patrick's tick-tick-ticking rather loudly in her ear, so they split up. However, since she is the star of the soap opera he writes for teatime television, he has the power to procreate by other means. In the end, you see, he can make Alice "pregnant" whether she likes it or not. Ha ha.

Not in front of the children: Griff Rhys Jones and Penny Downie in *Ex*

Does this mean Patrick is malign and manipulative? Well, you would think so. But it was not that kind of play. No blame was apportioned; no feelings were hurt; it was a bit like *Not in Front of the Children*, only without the savagery. William Humble's hero was a warm baggy human being whose only fault was a smidgeon of self-confessed egocentricity, just as *Ex* was a warm baggy play whose only fault was a niggling degree of artful self-consciousness. Why are writers still allowed to write plays about people writing plays? A play about a writer who puts his own confessions of inadequacy on screen — who sends sentimental apologies to his ex-wife Sheila (Penny Downie) via a speech in a soap opera — must inevitably come across, in turn, as a rather tiresome private confession by its author.

Towards the end of *Ex*, Patrick even made a pitch to his producer, suggesting a *whole series* about a nice divorced man — but the producer, thank goodness, looked doubtful, and asked whether this gently intimate psychological drama might be expanded to embrace other elements, such as car chases and cut-throat boardroom struggles. One heard the voice of reason here — but, alas, too late. Looking back over the full 95 minutes of *Ex*, one suddenly realised that the most exciting and amusing moment had occurred when Sheila's new baby (Humble had cleverly made *her* pregnant, you see) was unexpectedly sick over Patrick's nice new Paul Smith outfit. The ups and downs of his romantic life made much less dramatic impact. In fact, did it end with an up or a down? I can't remember.

To say, then, that Griff Rhys Jones was likeable and harmless in the part is not much of a compliment. Penny Downie was likeable and harmless, too; and although Geraldine James tried quite hard to be wilful and independent, she did it in a harmless, likeable kind of way. In fact, played by Hitler, Stalin and Klaus Barbie, these characters would still have sent viewers to bed thinking, "Nice, really; do you think it carries on next week?" Only the two children, Andrew and Christine, held potential for a sharper, more ambivalent reaction; unfortunately, though, their habit of debunking adult pretences with ingenuous bean-spilling ("Mum says you wear skirts up to your bum and look like a tart"; "Yes you did know Dad had split up with Alice because I told you, and you said . . .") was a device repeated so frequently that ultimately it lost its capacity for surprise.

LYNNE TRUSS

CONCERT

LPO/Tennstedt
Festival Hall

A FEW weeks ago the London Philharmonic played Beethoven's "Egmont" Overture at the Proms under its young music director, Franz Welser-Möst. On Thursday night at the Festival Hall the LPO played it again under its seasoned conductor laureate, Klaus Tennstedt, with astonishingly different results.

While Welser-Möst's rendering had been brilliantly, electrifyingly theatrical, Tennstedt tapped a richer vein of the work, getting right to the heart of the *Fidelio*-related theme of Goethe's tragedy: heroic victory over oppressive tyranny. Under Welser-Möst, the major-key coda had been exhilarating: in Tennstedt's hands it became not just a matter of life and death, but of triumph over death.

However, this was only a curtain-raiser to a reading of the "Eroica" Symphony that made one feel that every performance of Tennstedt these days should be preserved. He makes few concessions to recent trends in performance practice, using six horns (instead of the prescribed three) at climactic points, and adopting slowish tempi that emphasise the work's gravity rather than its kinetic energy. This was a performance in the good old-fashioned heroic tradition.

Yet who could complain in the face of such blazing conviction? This kind of music-making owes nothing to contemporary trends, but nor is it fair to suggest that it is out-moded. Rather it transcends historicity, just as the heroic ideals of the "Eroica" are timeless.

Given Tennstedt's conservative tendencies, it may be no coincidence that the passages that ignite the greatest passion are the relatively academic ones of fugato development in the "Funeral March" and finale. At these points the increased density of texture is harnessed for expressive effect; the resulting nobility of sentiment is overwhelming.

Tennstedt's reading of Mahler's *Songs of a Wayfarer* was also laden with doom and foreboding. The dragging tempo of "Ging heut' morgen" and over-emphasised staccato quavers made that song the least convincing. But the baritone Thomas Hampson impressively sustained his long lines both here and elsewhere, finding an enviable range of colour between and within songs.

BARRY MILLINGTON

ROCK

The Cranes
Waterfront, Norwich

WHERE most rock performers work at generating perspiration, the Cranes seem to prefer cold sweat. Their music evokes the experience of disturbed sleep. Their songs combine a ruthlessly sedate beat with a frustratingly half-finished melody. As in bad dreams, there seems to be some kind of guiding logic, but nothing gets resolved.

The grinding noise of guitars on the edge of feedback creates waves of sound, structured only by the thud of the drums and by the elementary riffs. Almost buried in this accompaniment is Alison Shaw's voice. When it surfaces, it alternates between erratic moans and anxious babble, between being dreamily melancholic and expressing a childlike panic. The words are lost in the background, and the songs' titles — "Sixth of May", "Adoration" — give few clues.

These rudimentary resources, though, have served the Cranes well. They are now, after five years, one of the stalwarts of the independent rock scene. Their obsession is with themselves and their fantasies, with their sense of themselves both as innocents, untainted by vulgar commercialism, and as hedonists, exploring the murkier corners of sensual delight. However implausible its pretensions, and however crude its performance, this has proved a winning formula.

On stage, the group is almost impassive; only the bright strobes and spotlights provide any animation. Jim Shaw, responsible for the band's music, is more interested in his guitar and keyboard than his fans, while they in turn seem concerned only with his sister. Her white attire, her long tousled hair, her hesitant voice, all ensure adoring eyes from the young men and women at the front of the stage.

This collective state of absorption is reinforced as each song blends into the next. Only with "Starblood" is the trance broken. Jim Shaw sets about his guitar with a spanner. Like a deranged mechanic, he hammers and twists the strings. Then, in apparent frustration at the effect, he throws down his instrument and walks off. And, as with waking from a troubled sleep, the end of the Cranes' anxious performance produces a relieved silence.

JOHN STREET

THEATRE

Jumping Red Lights
Lilian Baylis

A GROUP of young performers under the banner of the Rhyme and Reason Company has braved the municipal starkness of the studio theatre behind Sadler's Wells for a showcase presentation of a new musical. There is nothing cheese-paring about the enterprise: slick choreography, crowded set, technological gimmicks. The work itself is equally abundant in ideas. What it needs is clarification, condensation and conciseness.

The author, Matthew Taylor, has thought up a satirical fable that combines elements of both Faust and Prometheus with swipes at consumerism, arid intellectualism and the media — even in self-contradicting juxtaposition.

What, for instance, should one make of the principal character, Lord Hedthrob? At times condemned as a drily rational idealist out of touch with human emotions, he suddenly becomes a heroic figure refusing to sign away his soul, only to yield and emerge as a "homo consumerus" in a snazzy suit. In a bouncy number ("I'm Selling Out") he is both hailed and mocked as "kind of green" with New Age credentials. How consumerism is reconciled with greenness is unclear, unless the work is suggesting that all these philosophies are equally worthless.

Confused message: Jonathan Coote, left, and Paul Critchlow

The play's weakness is that it imposes no standards, no moral criteria. Even Lord Hedthrob's neglected girlfriend, Pandora, sells body and soul, justifiably, it is implied. The story line, with its tangle of threads, is so unfocused as to be incoherent; what appears to be a moral stance is constantly collapsing into the next jolly dance routine for resuscitated suicides and devilish attendants.

Toby Davies's direction is vigorous but hardly clears up the confusion. The cast needs to point the words of the songs more. Even Julie Fox (Pandora), whose voice has the immediate appeal of a young Barbara Dickson, delivers her numbers blandly, with no bite, whatever their emotional content. Diction could be clearer all round, especially in the second half, where Jonny Willett's music produces some first-rate songs.

As it is, Francesca Jaynes's choreography tends to steal the show, put over by a well-drilled cast led by Jonathan Coote in search of a character as Lord Hedthrob, and Paul Critchlow, a faintly camp devil, which I suspect has much in common with the Herod he has played in *Jesus Christ Superstar*.

MARTIN HOYLE

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

HAUMEA
(c) The mother goddess of Hawaii. She was the goddess of childbirth, which she invented. An ambiguous, violent figure, she controlled the supply of vegetation, and is connected with Haumia, the Maori god of edible plants.

EUAN
(b) A surname of Bacchus, which he received from the wild ejaculation of *Euan! Euan!* by his priestesses. You can read the story in Ovid's *Metamorphoses* and *Aeneid VI*.

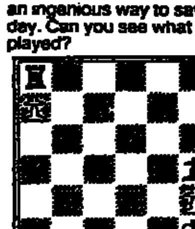
DIARMAID
(b) A younger hero in the Celtic Irish myths of Finn, best known for his elopement with Grainne, Finn's fiancée. The lovers are pursued through Ireland by Finn. Eventually Diarmaid lives happily with Grainne, until fatally wounded by a magic boar, his foster-brother in animal form.

HYMIR
(a) In Scandinavian myth, a giant encountered by Thor. He fished in the sea, and the god in disguise went fishing with him, and dismayed the giant by catching the world serpent.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Plaskett — Parker, British Championship, Eastbourne 1991. The black cause seems to be hopeless as 1 ... Kxh3? allows 2 Rh1 mate, but he found an ingenious way to save the day. Can you see what he played?



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WYNDHAMS THEATRE B.O. 867 1116 cc 867 1111/379 4444 (no bkg fee) 497 9977 (24hrs) (bkg fee) Groups 240 7941 EDWARD FOX "gives a great haunting comic performance" S. Times JOHN WELLS in THE PHILANTHROPIST by Christopher Hampton "as witty and stimulating as ever" Times Kenneth Ives' production "streaks into the unmissable category" Ind on Sun. Evgs Mon-Fri 8.00. Mat Thurs 3.00. Sats 5.00 & 8.30 FINAL WEEK MUST END OCT 5

WYNDHAMS BO 867 1116 cc 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 379 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) TOM CONTI GEMMA JONES CLARE HIGGINS THE RIDE DOWN MT. MORGAN by ARTHUR MILLER Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE Prevs from 11 October World Premiere 23 October

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BBC 1

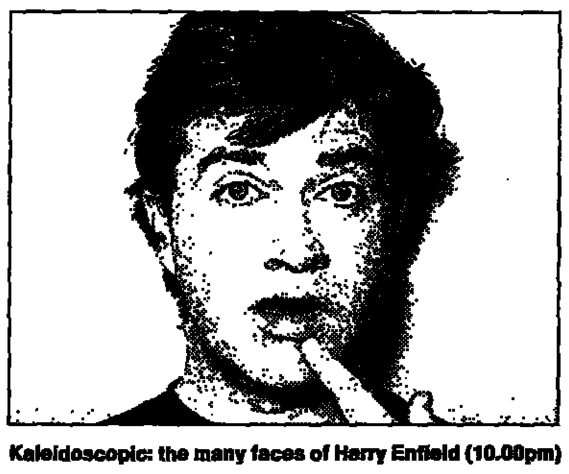
6.00 Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News
9.05 Perfect Strangers. American comedy series
9.30 Labour Party Conference. The first transmission of five days live coverage of the party's 90th conference, this year from Brighton
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays.** For the very young **10.25 Bump.** Cartoon adventures (r)
10.35 Labour Party Conference. Further coverage from Brighton. Includes **news,** regional news and weather at **11.00** and **12.00. 12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square** (s)
2.15 Starsky and Hutch: The Trap. Lighthearted Los Angeles police drama series starring Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul (r)
3.00 Pot Black. In the first quarter-final of the one-frame tournament, Stephen Hendry plays Neal Foulds **3.25 The Hogan Family.** American domestic comedy series
3.50 Penny Crayon. Animated series narrated by Su Pollard and Peter Hawkins(r) **4.00 The Chipmunks.** Cartoon (r) **4.25 Pigsty.** Musical fun **4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles.** (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. Includes Diane-Louise Jordan reporting on the *Blue Peter* "Climb for the World" peace campaign
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Regional news magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include singer Cathy Dennis (s)
7.30 Watchdog. The first of a new series of the consumer affairs programme
8.00 Telly Addicts. The Dean family from Northampton take on the Johnstons from Southend in a test of television programme knowledge. The questionmaster is Noel Edmonds
8.30 Brush Strokes. Last in the comedy series starring Karl Howman as Jacko, the painting and decorating lothario of Motspur Park (r). (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama: The Testing Question. Michael Crick reports on the government's plans for testing seven year olds. With contributions from Kenneth Clarke, Jack Straw and Matthew Taylor

Innovative drama: policing to musical accompaniment (10.10pm)

10.10 Cop Rock.
● CHOICE: Have the jury arrived at their verdict?, the murder trial judge wants to know. You bet they have, and in pre-Dennis Potter days, it would have been returned by sober-toned jurors in sober garb, sitting stiff as pokers. Not so the jury in Steven Bochco's *Cop Rock*. Up they pop, as if someone had lit a rocket under them. And, miraculously cloaked in purple like a hot gospel choir, off they go into their chorus-line routine. The interim verdict on *Cop Rock* itself, at the end of this first episode, is that it is guilty of trying to do something never before attempted in a crime series and not making a very good job of it. With Potter's *Pennies from Heaven* and *The Singing Detective*, there was a justifiably contextual reason why the actors should suddenly burst forth into song and dance. In *Cop Rock*, when the corrupted lady mayor leaps on to a table for a song, you look in vain for the mouse (s)
11.00 Lingo! How to Learn a Language.
● CHOICE: As it goes on, Terry Doyle's catalogue of hints for would-be masterers of another tongue develops into something less superficial than the Chris Serle-all-at-sea-in-Greece opening, and the subsequent man and woman-in-the-street montage: (the best way to learn an alien lingo? " Parrot-fashion" ... " In the car" .... "singing it is quite good" ...."just use it."). There are extreme cases in language learning, and Doyle does not neglect them. Tom Vernon, the cycling reporter, stopping of in a village high up in the Andes, concludes: "There's no way a gaucho is ever going to learn English. I must accommodate myself to him." As for anyone tempted by those "Thai in a week" and "Arabic in three months" ads, the man who runs a centre for applied languages in Wales administers a cold douche. It can, he says, take the whole of your life, although — hope re-ignites! — you can probably rub along on 1000 words, rising to a target of 2000
12.00 Weather
NB: (s) indicates stereo

BBC 2

7.10 Open University: Mathematical Models and Methods — Preparing for the Exam. Ends at **7.35**
8.00 News
8.15 Travel Show UK Mini Guides. Things to do and places to see in the Newquay area of Cornwall (r)
8.20 English Journey. Novelist and playwright Beryl Bainbridge, continuing her journey round England in the footsteps of J.B. Priestley, visits Gateshead, Newcastle and the Tyne (r)
9.00 Daytime on Two: In the Know **9.10** Lernexpress **9.25** Mathsphere **9.45** Storytime **10.00** Mathscope **10.18** Music Time **10.40** Job Bank: trainee hotel manager **11.00** Zig Zag: technology **11.22** Thinkabout science **11.35** Techno: business and economics **11.55** West Africa: Abidjan. Two ways of making money in this Ivory Coast town **12.15** History File **12.35** Lifeschool — Citizenship and Politics **1.00** Science in Action: hygiene in food handling **1.20** Forget-me-not Farm **1.35** King Rollo **1.40** Landmarks: a History of Writing and Printing
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r)
2.15 Labour Party Conference. Live coverage of the first afternoon's debates, presented by Donald MacCormick, Vivian White and Ian Smith. With **news** and weather at **3.00** and **3.55**
5.30 One in Four. Magazine series on disabled matters. Today's edition recalls last year's demonstration by disabled people for anti-discrimination legislation and asks what lessons have been learned to help with the new campaign
6.00 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Steve Rider introduces highlights of yesterday's final 12 singles matches of the competition between the United States and Europe at the Kiawah Island course, South Carolina
6.40 DEF II begins with **Band Explosion.** Featuring Chapterhouse, Manic Street Preachers, Teenage Fanclub and Atom Seed in concert at London's Marquee club. Presented by Gary Crowley (s) **7.10 Standing Room Only.** Football magazine series presented by Simon O'Brien
7.40 The Planned Miracle: Who Pays for Africa? The second of a three-part documentary series about the world-wide efforts to combat disease in children. This film investigates the politics of health in two African countries — Nigeria and Uganda. For the Nigerian authorities, meagre sources are stretched to the limit by the geographic and ethnic diversity. In Uganda, the problems are different. A bloody civil war has destroyed one of Africa's best health services and the authorities are trying to unite the country through the health of its children, but the threat of Aids is jeopardising the project. (Ceefax)
8.30 Film: Ghost Dancing (1983) starring Dorothy Maguire and Bruce Davison. A drama about a determined widow who has watched her once-fertile farm become barren thanks to the actions of a nearby giant water company. Fed up with her angry words falling on deaf ears, she decides to take the law into her own hands. Directed by David Greene. (Ceefax)



Kaleidoscopic: the many faces of Harry Enfield (10.00pm)

10.00 Harry Enfield's Television Programme. A kaleidoscope of the comedian's characters including Little Brother, Mike Smash, Dave Nice, the Double-Take brothers and the know-it-all father-in-law (r) (s)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow, including a report on the first day's debates at the Labour party conference in Brighton
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine presented by Waldemar Januszczak. A review of the month focusing on the Japan Festival. The studio guests include Clive James and Rose de Wend Fenton (s)
11.55 Weather
12.00 Open University: Culture and Society in Victorian Britain. Ends at **12.30am**
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6.00 TV-am
9.25 Runway. General knowledge quiz **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . the Place . . . Mike Scott chairs a topical discussion
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine series
12.10 Rosie and Josie. Puppet series written and presented by the creator of *Postman Pat*, John Cunliffe
12.30 News and weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice** (s)
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley previews her week's programmes on issues affecting London's lesbian and gay communities **2.50 Graham Kerr.** The former *Galloping Gourmet* returns with a new cookery series for the calorie conscious. Today he prepares Cornish game hen served with pilaf rice
3.15 ITN News headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines **3.25 Families.** Soap linking the north of England with Australia (s)
3.55 *The Sooty Show* presented by Matthew Corbett (s) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures.** Cartoon adventure series created by Steven Spielberg **4.40 Cartoon** starring Tweety Pie (r) **4.50 How 2** presented by Fred Dinenage, Carol Vorderman and Gareth Jones
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers
5.40 News. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Spreckley with information about London's Lesbian and Gay Centre
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) Weather
7.00 The Krypton Factor. Contestants from west Yorkshire, Buckinghamshire, Co Antrim and Hampshire compete for the second final place of the brain and brawns competition. Presented by Gordon Burns. (Oracle) (s)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. General knowledge quiz game show (s)

Piracy on the South China seas: a Balaclavad Filipino (8.30pm)

8.30 World in Action.
● CHOICE: You won't fully appreciate Arlan Harris's investigation into modern-day piracy unless you first try to rid your mind of memories of *Treasure Island* and/or the eye-rolling Long John Silvers of Messrs Newton and Hancock. No skull-and-crossbones, cutlasses, eye-patches and doubloon-filled chests in the South China sea these days. These scruffy Filipinos sport Balaclavas, brandish Magnum .22s, roar off in their twin-engined fishing-boats, keep in touch with their big-time masters by walkie-talkie, lift cargoes of oil and transistor radios, and then pose cheekily for snapshots with their girlfriends on board the ships they have hijacked. High-spirited Robin Hoodery? Anything but. In an average year, they kill up to 300 people, and commit more than 200 rapes. The intrepid *World in Action* team that mixed with the buccaneers and their syndicate bosses to get their footage, risked a far worse fate than being made to walk the plank
9.00 Championship Boxing. Jim Rosenthal introduces live coverage of the British and European heavyweight championship bout between the holder Lennox Lewis and the former IBF world cruiserweight champion Glenn McCrory. The commentators at the Albert Hall, London, are Reg Gutteridge and Jim Watt with expert comment from Frank Bruno
10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 Film: Fun With Dick and Jane (1976) starring George Segal and Jane Fonda. Amiable comedy about a redundant aerospace executive who, along with his wife, takes to crime to finance their affluent middle class lifestyle. Directed by Ted Kotcheff
12.30am Sportsworld Extra introduced by Tony Francis. Includes golfing action from the Austrian open in Salzburg
1.30 Film: Honolulu (1938, b/w) starring Eleanor Powell, Robert Young and George Burns. Musical comedy about a film star who swaps places with his double — a plantation owner. Directed by Edward Buzzell
3.00 American College Football. Rutgers v Duke
4.00 Florence or Life in the Château. French drama serial
5.00 Along the Cotswold Way. Clive Gunnell strolls from Hawkesbury Upton to Wotton-under-Edge
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Channel 4 Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Right to Reply presented by Rory McGrath. A viewer who was a former resident of Newcastle's Meadow Well estate discusses coverage of the area's riots. Other viewers comment on whether boxing is a suitable sport for television; and the subject of Michael Grade's controversial "golden handcuffs" payment is raised (r). (Teletext)
12.30 Business Daily introduced by Susannah Simons
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series

Ship over troubled waters: Will Hay is all at sea (2.00pm)

2.00 Film: Hey! Hey! USA (1938, b/w) starring Will Hay and Edgar Kennedy. Tedious British comedy about a headmaster who is forced to take work as a docker. When loading a Chicago gangster's luggage on board the liner sets sail across the Atlantic where he becomes involved in plans to kidnap a millionaire's son. Directed by Marcel Varnel, who did far better with *Oh Mr Porter*
3.40 Pete Smith Specialities: Seeing Hands (b/w). An Academy Award-nominated short showing how a man, blind from birth, learns to live the life of an independent adult
4.00 Garden Club. This last in the series comes from Bath where two town gardens are compared (r). (Teletext)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. The first of a new series of the quick-fire general knowledge quiz, presented by William G. Stewart (s)
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show hosted by Gay Byrne
6.00 The Wonder Years. Award-winning comedy series about an adolescent growing up in 1960s America. Starring Fred Savage. This week Kevin is spending the summer making a tree house with his father and dreading the thought of a "birds and the bees" chat (r)
6.30 The Henderson Kids. Australian family drama that launched Kylie Minogue into the public consciousness
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext). Weather
8.00 Brookside. Topical and down-to-earth soap set in suburban Merseyside. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 Inspector Morse: The Ghost in the Machine. In this second of five murder mysteries, the bachelor real ale buff investigates the disappearance of some erotic paintings, stolen from a stately home. Then the titled owner of the paintings disappears. Starring John Thaw, Kevin Whately and Patricia Hodge (r). (Teletext)
10.30 E.N.G. Strong Canadian drama set in a television news station. (Teletext) (s)
11.30 Marracuene: Two Banks of a Mozambican River. A documentary portrait of a Mozambican village situated near the South African border which becomes a ghost town every night as the population hides from marauding Renamo bandits. In Portuguese with English subtitles
12.20am Sumo. How Japanese wrestlers cope with the pre-fight battle of nerves (r) (s)
12.50 Other News. Third World news as gathered by local journalists for local consumption. Ends at **1.50**

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ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Gardens for All 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40-12.30 Film: Protocol

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm Who's the Boss? 2.20-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Kingdom of the Game 11.10 Crime Story 12.05 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.35 Wrestling 1.30 Stephen King's This is Horror 2.00 Film: Ghost Story 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm Graham Kerr 2.45-3.15 Coming of Age 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 Film: North Dallas Forty 12.50 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.45 Film: The Crowd Roars 3.05 Entertainment UK 4.05 Live on Stage With... 5.05-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50pm-3.15 Film: Forces' Sweetheart (Michael Bentine, Hy Hazell, Harry Secombe) 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 My Secret Identity 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Tales of Glamour and Excess 12.35 Wrestling 1.30 Stephen King's This is Horror 2.00 Film: Ghost Story (Fred Astaire, Melvyn Douglas) 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20-2.50 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.35-7.00 What's On

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm The Young Doctors 2.50-3.15 Yan Can Cook 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Wild About the West 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 The 1989 Midem Jazz Fusion Concert 12.35 Wrestling 1.30 Stephen King's This is Horror 2.00 Film: Ghost Story (Fred Astaire, Douglas Fairbanks, Melvyn Douglas) 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 2.15pm Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 Action 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Crimestoppers Special 10.40 Film: Cahill: United States Marshal (John Wayne, George Kennedy) 12.35 Wrestling 1.30 Stephen King's This is Horror 2.00 Film: Ghost Story 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.25 The Hit Man and Her 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20 Rowan on the Road 2.50-3.15 An Invitation to Remember (Leslie Phillips) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Check It Out 10.40 A Less Fragmented Place 11.10 Redeeming History 12.10am Pop Profile 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling 1.30 Stephen King's This Is Horror 2.00 Film: Ghost Story 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.25 Night Beat 5.20-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00 Film: The Man Who Liked Funerals* 3.05-3.15 The Vet 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calender 6.30-7.00 Clegg's People 10.40 The Thurnscoe Sound 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05 Film: Uncommon Valour (Mitchell Ryan, Ben Murphy, Salome Jens) 1.50 Vietnam, The Ten Thousand Day War 2.20 Trans World Sport 3.30 Cue the Music 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.00 Family Pride 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Film: Hey Hey USA* 3.40 Dennis 3.55 Garden Club 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 The Munsters* 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol Y Cwm 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Y Byd Ar Bedwar 9.30 Paul Merton 10.00 LA Law 11.00 Lawyers 11.30 Marracuene 12.20 Sumo 12.50 Other News 1.50 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 12.30pm Changing Places 1.00 News 1.30 Understanding Adolescence 2.05 The Love Boat 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by We're Cooking Now 4.30 Carson's Law 5.15 Personal Appearances 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.30 The Pure Drop 8.05 Guns of Paradise 9.00 News 9.30 China Beach 10.20 Yesterday's Schools? Tomorrow's World 11.20 Eh Joe 12.10 News 12.20 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 5.30 International Youth Knockout '91 6.05 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Major League Baseball 9.00 Dear John 9.30 News followed by Film: Old Scores 11.15-11.40 News

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Lucy Show 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 All 8.00 Around the World in 80 Days 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Anything for Money 11.00 Hill Street Blues 12.00 The Outer Limites 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Beyond 2000 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World — The Countryside Show 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 7.00 Sky World News Tonight 8.30 Beyond 2000 9.00 Sky World News Tonight 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.30 Newsline

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl 8.40 Entertainment Tonight
10.00 Not Just Another Affair (1982): Victoria Principal falls for womaniser Gil Gerard
12.00 Ghost Chase (1988): A teenager and the spirit of his grandfather's dead butler team up to bring down a corrupt Hollywood mogul
2.00pm The Fourth Man (1990): To impress his father, a high school student uses steroids to improve his athletic performance
3.00 Lies of the Heart (1990): A teenage boy crashes his car, and has difficulty admitting his guilt
4.00 Catch Me If You Can (1989): Drag-racer Matt Lattanzi races through the city streets to raise money for a local high school
6.00 Trading Hearts (1989): Romantic comedy about a former baseball star and a single mother. Starring Beverly D'Angelo
8.00 Weekend at Bernie's (1989): Comedy in which two teenagers arrive *chez* Bernie's, to find him dead
9.40 UK Top Ten
10.00 Lock Up (1989): Prisoner Sylvester Stallone is transferred to Donald Sutherland's high-security jail
11.50 Bad Dreams (1988): Former hippie Jennifer Rubin awakes from a 20-year coma to find herself menanced by the spirit of the cult's evil guru
1.15am Brutal Glory (1989): True drama about a champion boxer, known as "The Real McCoy". Starring Robert Vaughn
2.50 The Telephone (1988): Unemployed actress Whoopi Goldberg conducts her life over the phone
4.15 Cops Are Robbers (1990): Crime drama based on the true story of a group of cops who stole $25 million. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The Little Prince (1974): The adventures of a little prince from outer space
7.45 The Wiz (1978): All-black musical version of *The Wizard of Oz*
10.15 The Plainsman (1936, b/w): Western about Wild Bill Hickok, Buffalo Bill and Calamity Jane
12.15pm Mr Forbush and the Penguins (1971): Biologist John Hurt studies penguin life in the Antarctic
2.15 Woman of the Year (1941): Romantic comedy about feuding journalists Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn
4.15 Robotix: Cartoon about super-robots battling evil forces to save the universe
6.15 September 30th, 1955 (1975): Drama about a teenager, who is left distraught by the death of his idol, James Dean
8.15 Perfect Witness (1989): A restaurateur witnesses a Mafia killing but is too scared to testify
10.05 Black Rain (1989): New York cops Michael Douglas and Andy Garcia travel to Japan to track down an escaped murderer
12.10am Not for Publication (1984): Reporter Nancy Allen and rival photographer David Naughton unearth a scandalous story about the major of New York
1.40 Terrorvision (1986): A satellite receiver becomes a gateway for creatures from another dimension
3.05 They Call Me Mr Tibbs (1970): Sequel to *In the Heat of the Night*. Ends at 4.50

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 ATP Tennis 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 Power Hour Wrestling 10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Red Line 12.00 Scottish Premier League Football 2.00 Watersports World 3.00 Italian League Football 5.00 Super Trax 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 WWF Wrestling Challenge 7.30 NFL Follies 8.00 Kick-Boxing 9.00 Italian League Football 11.00 World of Adventure 12.00 Netbusters 12.30am WWF Primetime Wrestling

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Ryder Cup Golf 3.00 Women's Tennis 5.00 Motor Cycling: Malayaia Grand Prix 6.00 Parachuting 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Boxing 8.00 Speedway 9.00 Football Euro Goals 10.00 Surf Biarritz 10.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 International Volleyball 8.30 Motor Cycling 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Stop-Battle of Monster Trucks 11.00 American College Football 1.00pm FIA European Rallycross Championships 2.00 Argentine Soccer 3.00 International Kick-Boxing 4.00 Sport de France 4.30 Gillette World Sport Special 5.00 Stop-USWA Wrestling 6.00 Golf 7.00 British Touring Car Championships 7.30 Spanish Football Highlights 8.00 Inside Track 9.00 Fight Night at the Forum 9.30 Porsche Carrera Cup 10.00 Volvo PGA European Golf tour 11.00 Rugby League

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Simply Marvellous 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 What's Cooking 1.10 Search for Tomorrow 1.40 The Edge of Night 2.05 Video Visits 2.30 It's Your Lifestyle 2.40 Pets and People 3.10 House Rules 4.00 Tea Break 4.10 Dick Van Dyke 4.40 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only): The State and Society
6.55 Weather; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Elgar (In the South: Philharmonia under Sinopoli)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): d'Indy (Diptyque méditerranéen: Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra under Prêtre); Milhaud (Suite provençale. Paris Conservatoire Orchestra under Baudo); Gounod (O légère hirondelle, Mireille: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Bonynge, with Joan Sutherland, soprano); Bizet (L'Arlésienne, Music from Act 5: Toulouse Capitole under Plasson)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Mozart in Vienna, 1768. Overture, La finta semplice, K 51/46a (English Chamber Orchestra under Hager); Bastien und Bastienne, Nos 13-16 (Soloists; Franz Liszt CO under Leppard); Missa brevis in G, K 49/47d (Kölner Kammerchor; Collegium Cartusianum under Peter Neumann); Symphony No 8 in D, K 48 (Academy of St Martin-in-the Fields under Neville Marriner)
9.35 Hans von Bülow: Music associated with the 19th century conductor, pianist and composer. von Bülow (Ballade, Op 11: Werner Genuit, piano); Wagner (Overture; Lohengrin, Act 1. Concertgebouw Orchestra under Willem Mengelberg); Liszt (Hungarian Rhapsodie No 14, S 244: Anthony Goldstone, piano); Beethoven (Grosse Fuge, Op 133: Philharmonia under Otto Klemperer); von Schellendorf: Piano Trio, Op 1: Musicians of the Royal Exchange); Wagner (Liebestod, Tristan and Isolde, Act 3: Vienna PO under Knappertsbusch, with Birgit Nilsson, soprano); Raff (Ode au printemps in G, Op 76: Lausanne CO under Lawrence Foster, Jean-François Antonioli, piano)
11.30 Northern Sinfonia under Charles Groves performs Mendelssohn (Overture, The Hebrides); Prokofiev (Violin Concerto No 2, Op 63); Maw (Sonata for strings and two horns); Mozart (Symphony No 36 in C, Linz, K 425)
1.00pm News
1.05 *Martin Roscoe: The pianist* plays Karen Markham (Piano Sonata — first broadcast); Beethoven (Sonata, Op 57, Appassionata); Debussy (L'isle joyeuse)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 BBC Scottish SO under Janos Fürst performs Brahms (Violin Concerto); Vaughan Williams (Symphony No 5) (r)
4.05 Bridge and Cresswell: William Conway, cello, Peter Evans, piano, perform Frank Bridge (Cello Sonata in D minor): Lyell Cresswell (Equipoise)
4.55 Bach — *Clavierübung*, Part 3: James Dalton plays the second of three programmes on the organ of Queen's College, Oxford. Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, Fughetta, BWV 678; Dies sind die heil'gen zehn Gebot, Fughetta, BWV 679; Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, Schöpfer, BWV 680; Wir glauben all' an einen Gott, Schöpfer, Fughetta, BWV 681; Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 682; Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 683; Christ, unser Herr, Zum Jordan kam, BWV 684; Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam, Fughetta, BWV 685
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure, with Jeremy Nicholas
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: The American film producer Edward Pressman talks to Margaret Walters
7.30 Philharmonia: Live from the Festival Hall, London, Esa-Pekka Salonen conducts Debussy (Gigues); Shostakovich (Cello Concerto No 2: Heinrich Schiff). **8.15** Jann Parry discusses the different performing traditions of Stravinsky's *Firebird* (r). **8.35** Stravinsky (The Firebird)
9.25 I'm So Happy for You, I Really Am, by Kathy Lette. A woman takes her lover's new young girlfriend to lunch (r)
9.45 BBC Singers at Dartington under John Poole sing Burge (The Flute Player — first performance: Greg Mitchell); Rautavaara (Suite de Lorca); Sibelius (Rakastava)
10.30 Mixing It, with Mark Russell and Robert Sandall. Including an interview with Robert Wyatt, former drummer with the Soft Machine **11.30** News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Brahms (r)
1.00-2.25 Night School (FM only) (except in Scotland)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** The Week on 4 **8.43** The Old Left: Last Lessons (5 of 7) (s) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Start the Week
10.00 Eat, Drink and Be Silly (FM only): Quiz show with Chris Kelly, Oz Clarke and Clement Freud
10.00 News. Daily Service (LW only) from St German's Church, Cardiff
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Genesis. Read by John Gielgud
10.30 Woman's Hour: Margaret Drabble talks about her new book *The Gates of Ivory*; and there is advice on student banking
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4411, with Vincent Duggleby (lines open from 10am)
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Round Britain Quiz: The resident London team of Irene Thomas and Eric Korn plays Ireland's Justin Keating and Dr Patrick Fitzpatrick (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; You Only Live Twice: Michael Bakewell's dramatisation of Ian Fleming's James Bond adventure (s) (r)
3.30 Conversations with Historians
● CHOICE: By one of those coincidences of radio, the Duke of Wellington's name crops up yet again after a weekend of drama highlighting the great man's exploits in the Iberian Peninsula. Elizabeth Longford, his biographer, is John Miller's third subject in a series of six. How Lady Longford came to write about Wellington is down to the family connection that her husband was related to the family through his great, great aunt Kitty, who married the Duke. Lady Longford admits she would rather have been "a historian with wonderful theories but that is not how it happened."
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Includes reviews of Michael Simmons's biography of Vaclav Havel, a new recording by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra of Nicholas Maw's *Odyssey* and Radio 4's dramatisation of *David Copperfield*; and Bolivian pan pipers, Rumijatta, perform live in the studio (s)
4.45 Short Story: *Dreams of Dead Women's Handbags*. A week of bittersweet comedies by Shena Mackay. Read by Brenda Bruce (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The News Quiz: Barry Took quizzes Alan Coren, Richard Ingrams and guests on the week's events (r)
7.00 News **7.05** The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme: The Irish food and agriculture industries (r)
7.45 The Monday Play: Arms and the Man. Bernard Shaw's anti-war comedy set in a fantasy Balkan state in 1885. With Andrews Sachs as Bluntschli and Gary Bond as Sergius (s) (r)
9.15 Uncle Mort's South Country: The Hitchhiker. Christian Rodska narrates the final instalment of Peter Tinniswood's serial (r)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime. Turning Back the Sun, by Colin Thubron (6 of 10)
11.00 Frank Muir Goes Into . . . Hope. Frank Muir and Alfred Marks skip through the comic literature of hope, with jokes, quotes and comedy clips (s) (r)
11.30 Talking Poetry: Simon Rae and Nicola Davies with guest poet Roger McGough, poems on sleep and dreams and new poems being written by young writers from Pimlico Secondary School in London (s) (r)
12.00 News, incl **12.27am** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** World Service (LW only)

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Gary King (FM only) 6.00 Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies says Let's Do Lunch 3.00 Steve Wright in the Afternoon 5.30 News '91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Out on Blue Six 10.00 Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night 12.00-4.00am Bob Harris (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Ed Stewart 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm Mark Wynter 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Julie Rogers 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory 7.30 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days, and at 8.00 Big Band Era 8.30 Big Band Special 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Andrew Lane with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 Schools 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with This Family Business 12.30pm The Day before Yesterday: Anne Nightingale goes behind the scenes of the BBC's The House of Eliott 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (r) 1.30 BFBS Worldwide: Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service. World Report. 2.45 Personal View; 3.05 Outlook; 3.30 Mid-Life Crisis; 4.05 Science in Action 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Stories from Black History: Long Journey Home, by Julius Lester. Read by Eartha Kitt (1 of 2) 7.30 The Heart of Hark'um: The Citadel of Velis Conn. Third of a six-part fantasy adventure by Peter Thompson and Jamie Thomson 8.00 Euromix 8.45 The Big Fight: Lennox Lewis v Glenn McCrory, for the British and European Heavyweight titles, from the Albert Hall in London 10.00 News; Sport 10.10 The Mix, incl at 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am News, Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The Week Ahead 5.40 Travel and Weather News 5.45 News and Press Review in German 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.20 Tips für Touristen 6.24 News in German 6.30 Jazz for the Asking 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Londres Matin 7.59 Weather 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours Live; News Summary 8.30 Something to Die For 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Health Matters 9.30 Anything Goes 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report Live 10.15 Mastering Photography 10.30 Andy Kershaw's World of Music 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11.01 It's God's World 11.30 The Vintage Chart Show 12.00 Londres Midi 12.48pm Mittagsmagazin 12.59 Weather 1.00 News 1.09 News About Britain 1.15 My Word 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the Shelf: Silas Marner 3.45 Journey to the Centre of the Earth 4.00 News 4.15 The Sea, The Sea 5.00 News 5.09 News About Britain 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Heute Aktuell 6.00 World News and Business Report 6.15 The World Today 6.30 Londres Soir 7.14 BBC English 7.29 News Summary 7.30 Heute Aktuell 8.45 News in German 9.00 World News and Business Report 9.30 Europe Tonight 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 The Learning World 11.20 Meridian 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 World News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Science or Fiction? 12.30 Multitrack 1 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 The Litmus Test 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Folk in Britain 2.45 Health Matters 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 My Word 4.00 World News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 Sports Roundup 4.30 John Peel 5.00 Newsdesk

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Watch the dead parrot sketch BBC1, 7·30 tonight. It's not the least bit funny.

This evening "Watchdog" are running an exposé of the cruelties that are involved in the wild caught bird trade.

The RSPCA estimate that for every wild bird that reaches a European cage three die.

If you feel moved by what you see and want to help us ban the trade telephone 0800 400 478.

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Windswept ramblers on the march for right to roam

By Peter Davenport

IN DRIVING rain and a biting wind, the Ramblers' Association yesterday staged the largest-ever mass trespass on privately owned land in its campaign for greater public access to the countryside.

More than 500 walkers, including veterans in their 80s, tramped across Thurlstone Moor, on the north-eastern edge of the Peak District National Park and owned by Yorkshire Water.

As the long column set off over the moor, the bright orange and blue of their waterproof clothing the only splash of colour in a bleak setting, Terry Howard, an organiser, told them: "This is not meant in any way to be confrontational and nor do we regard it as militant action. Rather it is a demonstration at our growing frustration over the amount of time we are having to wait for access to this and other areas."

The mass trespass on Thurlstone Moor, beside the A628 trans-Pennine road between Barnsley and Manchester, was the major demonstration of more than 30 events throughout the country yesterday involving thousands of walkers for the association's seventh annual Forbidden Britain Day.

Organisers said that numbers exceeded those on the original mass trespass on Kinder Scout, also in the northern Peak District, in 1932, which led to the jailing of several demonstrators, among them the veteran campaigner, Benny Rothman, now aged 80, who took part in yesterday's walk.

Ann Taylor, MP for Dewsbury and Labour's spokeswoman on the environment, also took part in the trespass. She told demonstrators that a Labour government would introduce legislation to open forbidden areas of countryside.

Mrs Taylor said: "We want to reverse the law of trespass so we have the right to walk, unless there is an obvious reason why not because of conservation or a danger to individuals or wildlife. We would introduce legilsation that would apply to all open, uncultivated land."

Legal experts are preparing a draft bill providing greater access to the countryside, which the association intends to present to whichever party wins the next general election.

Although the ramblers had intended to target their anger yesterday at the Peak Park authority over access to land within its boundaries, it has recently reached a new accord with the organisation and instead turned its ire on the legal department of Yorkshire Water which, they claim, is responsible for holding up any new agreement about Thurlstone Moor.

Geoff Eastwood, chairman of the Ramblers, said yesterday: "Contrary to the chief executive's wish, Yorkshire Water's legal department has now brought down the shutters. It is refusing to release valuable information which the Ramblers believe will support the case for opening up more of their land to the public.

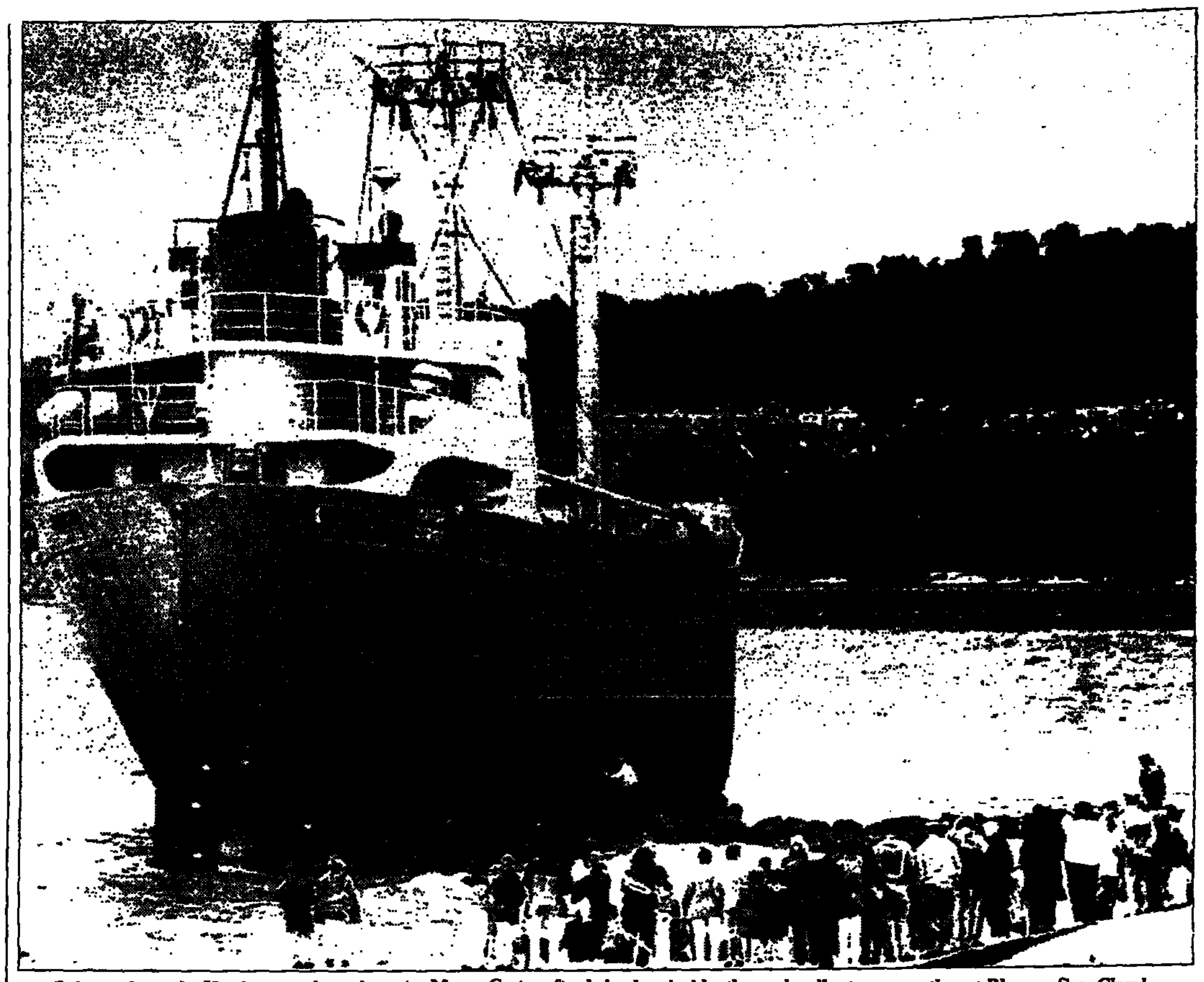
"We are truly baffled about why Yorkshire Water's legal department is so hostile to ordinary walkers and the right to roam."

There are already three public footpaths across Thurlstone Moor, an area where shooting rights have remained in private hands and are not owned by the water company.

A spokesman for Yorkshire Water said the company was firmly committed to providing public access to its land. She added: "We find this action unhelpful. All it does is antagonise people who might be willing to negotiate. Clearly any proposal to increase access on Thurlstone and other moors, will have implications for their nature conservation."

There was a protest walk near John Major's Huntingdon home.

Rothman: 1932 protester campaigning again


Driven ashore: the Honduran-registered coaster Marga Cortes after being beached by the weekend's stormy weather at Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd

Labour fear on defence

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opportunity for Labour to do the same. We have never had a better opportunity. We should take these things at the flood. There could be no better time to sell the idea of getting rid of nuclear weapons to the British people. The argument that we need these weapons to be as powerful as the Russians is no longer acceptable. If the Americans want this, the Labour party should go to the British people and say the same."

A new international policy statement adopted by the executive welcomed Mr Bush's announcement and said the cuts proposed were fully in accord with the policy adopted by Labour two years ago. It was a source of great satisfaction that Nato, Mr Bush, and Soviet leaders had adopted policies long advocated by Labour.

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Tables turned on hostage-takers

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sources close to Murad said he was a victim of "sabotage by former colleagues". Members of his family blame Hezbollah's security chief, Hajj Abdul Hadi-Hamadi, for his death. Hamadi also heads "The Strugglers for Freedom" group which is holding the two German hostages here and demands the freedom of the two Hamadi brothers jailed in Germany on terrorist charges.

The sources say the kidnappers are convinced now that their ranks have been infiltrated by intelligence services, such as the CIA and Mossad, as well as by Syrian intelligence. They recalled how a Lebanese agent for the American Federal Bureau of Investigation, Jamal Hamdan, lured in 1988 one his home town friends, hijacker Fawaz Younis, to American captivity by inviting him over for a party in Cyprus. Hamdan was a former member of the Shia Amal movement. Other incidents, undisclosed until now, spread distrust among the various hostage-taking groups. Some of the kidnappers kept a tight hold over their foreign captives regarding them as their only security, the sources said.

Hezbollah sources revealed that talks during a ten-day visit by a Hezbollah delegation to Iran last month have focused on guarantees to be given to the kidnappers after the hostages are set free. The delegation was negotiating with Iranian officials the terms of a Middle East prisoner exchange operation that was organised by the United Nations to secure the release of all the foreign hostages in Lebanon.

The sources added that the Hezbollah leader, Sheikh Abbas Mousawi, returned home with the requested guarantees. They added that Tehran has refused to accommodate requests from any of the hostage-takers asking for asylum in Iran.

Syria, the other broker of the hostages deal, was also reluctant to give protection to the kidnappers. "They are feeling disappointed and are turning desperate and tempermental," the sources said. "They know that they have been abandoned even by the people they worked for."

Some of the kidnappers, feeling the betrayal of their friends and reeling under the the pressure on them, have formed a powerful group that is feared even by their former protectors, the Iranian diplomats here. The sources said Mr Cicippio, who is held by the Revolutionary Justice Organisation, is being kept in bad conditions at a hideout in Khandak el-Ghamik, a strip of slums located on what used to be the demarcation line between former east and west Beirut. "A group of the kidnappers have vowed to stick together and defend each other to death," the sources said. Their boss, Hajj Moustapha Baderdein, on whose behalf the hostages were orginally taken to force his release with 16 others from Kuwaiti prisons, is now living in Sheikh Fadlallah's home and enjoying his protection. Hajj Moustafa no longer trusts his men. "He even goes and buys his own food and getswater and cooks for himself to avoid any assassination attempt by food poisoning."

The kidnapperscould delay the release process or even threaten the captives.

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Weather strands travellers on ferry

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enger. Frank McCoy from Wexford, on the other hand, described the trip as having been "an unmitigated purgatory, cooped up with mad musicians, one-armed bandits, diabolical food and the stench of vomit".

The stormy conditions halted other Irish Sea ferry services and drove a 500-ton Honduran-registered coaster ashore on a beach at Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd. The Marga Cortes had been trying to ride the storm off Colwyn Bay when fierce winds drove her ashore, where she was caught straddling a groyne 50 yards from the promenade wall.

In Dublin, firemen stood by as a cargo ship carrying dangerous chemicals struggled to dock. The ship, the Buffalo, carried two containers of the flammable chemical, lithium aluminium hydrate, one of which had been overturned.

Eleven Britons on two yachts were among 31 sailors rescued by Spanish coastguard helicopters and vessels as force ten winds lashed the Bay of Biscay. Winds were gusting at more than 70mph and waves reached 50ft.

Six Britons including three women were rescued from the 40ft racing sloop Aphrodisiac, from Southampton, and five Falmouth men were lifted from the 36ft yacht Starquest. Bill Amos, skipper of the Aphrodisiac, said that his yacht had keeled over three times, on the last occasion turning through 360 degrees. "The girls were praying, and I joined them", he said.

Meanwhile, eight people died in road accidents in Britain. Police criticised drivers for speeding and appealed to drivers to slow down in wind and rain.

The London Weather Centre said yesterday that winds were still reaching 40 knots on the west coast. It forecast more gales for today.

TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

'I love the seduction of designing clothes for women.' Emanual Ungaro says. 'I have an obsessional dream and designing haute couture is my open door to them.' The master tailor who mixes pinstripes with flower prints reveals the secrets of almost three decades of design to Liz Smith in *The Times* tomorrow

Also: How the Utility furniture that was a hated part of 1940s Britain has become a desirable item in the 1990s. This 'home front furniture', eschewing all decoration, is admired today for its entirely practical qualities

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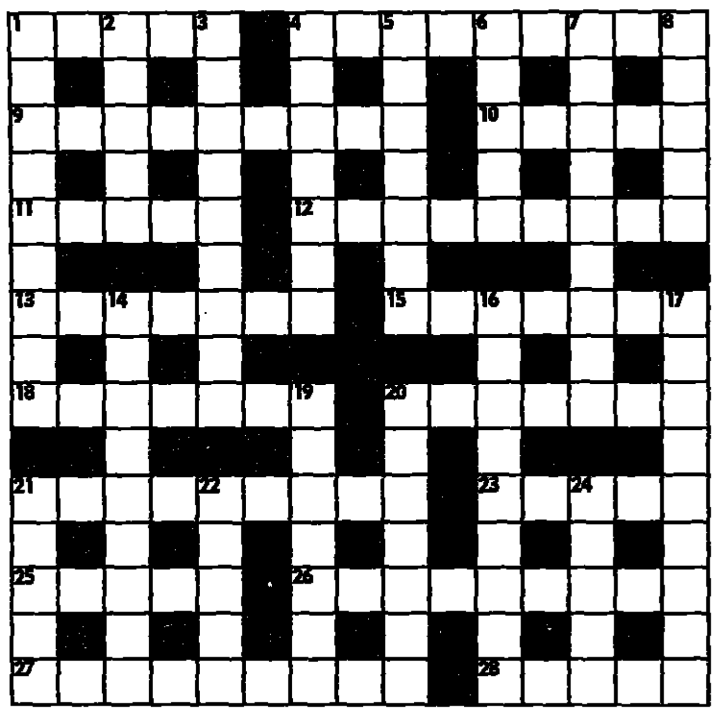

ACROSS

1 Return much, enclosing a word of thanks for all (5).
4 Cut the ends, or otherwise? (9).
9 Outstanding soldier with horse (9).
10 A crook to some degree (5).
11 She takes just a little champagne sometimes (5).
12 An eccentric nature (9).
13 Without doubt it's nice art, though bizarre (7).
15 Explosive to be carried inside a missile (7).
18 A game giving rise to criminal proceedings (7).
20 Translation of letters re papal robes (7).
21 Rush around Soho initially with dope and a gun (9).
23 A contentious sportsman? (5).
25 Means to get a musical instrument (5).
26 Being candid about relation's surgical treatment (9).
27 Young people forming a Green set (9).
28 That's the place for the serving men (5).

DOWN

1 A person trained to take sound steps (3-6).
2 An Italian city, one involved in a revolution (5).
3 Device used for concealed lighting (9).
4 A course to study — but only a little (7).
5 Striking left a good man to carry on after all others (7).
6 It's up to a painter to provide some jewellery (5).
7 Clothing suitable for retirement (9).
8 Give ear to the medico, though depressing (5).
14 The figure being about a hundred, snarl (9).
16 Signal to bring in social worker (9).
17 Play wins Spanish approval in a state of rapture (9).
19 Eat, sit and think (7).
20 May appear later on the ship — simple clue, that! (7).
21 The small farm will need credit frequently (5).
22 Nurse sending up an aperient (5).
24 Bearing with the ceremonial as set down (5).

PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,723 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

MYTHOLOGICALS

HAUMEA
a. The Egyptian mouse god
b. Roman harvest goddess
c. Hawaiian mother goddess

EUAN
a. An Irish lover of Deirdre
b. The surname of Bacchus
c. The Apache rain god

DIARMAID
a. An attendant on Diana
b. An Irish hero and lover
c. Zoroastrian moon goddess

HYMIR
a. The fisherman god
b. Russian god of frost
c. A disciple of Mahomet

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AA ROADWATCH

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THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS
CHAMBORD
COMPLIMENTS OF HENRI WINTERMANS

WEATHER

Most of England, Wales and eastern Scotland will be dry and bright with sunny spells, although showers are possible. South-east England and the Channel Islands will, after early rain, brighten up this afternoon. Western Scotland and Northern Ireland will start bright before rain spreads from the west, moving to the rest of Scotland, to Wales and to northern and western England later. Outlook: unsettled with rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	f	Majorca	20	68	f
Akrotiri	29	84	s	Malaga	20	68	f
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Malta	30	86	s
Algiers	28	82	f	Melb'rne	16	61	f
Amst'dm	14	57	r	Mexico C*	13	55	f
Athens	28	82	s	Miami*	31	88	s
Bahrain	33	91	s	Milan	15	59	r
Bangkok	26	79	f	Montreal*	1	34	c
Barbads*	26	79	r	Moscow	11	52	c
Barcelna	17	63	r	Munich	24	75	s
Belgrade	29	84	s	Nairobi	27	81	s
Berlin	17	63	s	Naples	27	81	s
Bermuda*	28	82	f	N York*	16	61	s
Biarritz	19	66	s	Nice	17	63	t
Borde'x	18	64	c	Oslo	11	52	s
Brussels	16	64	f	Paris	19	66	f
Budapest	25	77	s	Peking	23	73	s
B Aires*	16	61	s	Perth	23	73	s
Cairo	33	91	s	Prague	20	68	s
Cape Tn	22	72	s	Reykjavik	7	45	f
Chicago*	16	61	s	Rhodes	30	86	s
Ch'church	10	50	s	Rio de J	27	81	f
Cologne	16	61	s	Riyadh	36	97	s
C'phagn	13	55	r	Rome	26	79	f
Corfu	28	82	f	Salzburg	23	73	f
Dublin	12	54	f	S F'risco*	18	64	s
Dubrovnik	26	79	f	Santiago*	15	59	c
Faro	21	70	s	S Paulo*	21	70	d
Florence	25	77	c	Seoul	21	70	s
Frankfurt	16	61	s	Sing'por	30	86	t
Funchal	20	68	c	St'kholm	13	55	s
Geneva	13	55	r	Strasb'rg	14	57	r
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Sydney	24	75	s
Helsinki	11	52	f	Tangier	20	68	f
Innsbrck	20	68	c	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Istanbul	26	79	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Jeddah	37	99	s	Tokyo	23	73	c
Jo'burg*	20	68	f	Toronto*	9	48	r
L Palmas	27	81	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Le Tquet	17	63	f	Valencia	21	70	f
Lisbon	19	66	r	Vanc'ver*	15	59	d
Locarno	14	57	r	Venice	24	75	s
London	16	61	c	Vienna	23	73	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Warsaw	19	66	s
Luxembg	13	55	c	Wash'ton*	19	66	s
Luxor	38	100	s	Wel'nton	12	54	f
Madrid	15	59	c	Zurich	13	55	s

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.28	2.13
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.80	58.80
Canada $	2.074	1.924
Denmark Kr	11.77	11.02
Finland Mkk	7.50	7.05
France Fr	10.34	9.69
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	334	314
Hong Kong $	14	13
Ireland Pt	1.138	1.068
Italy Lira	2285	2135
Japan Yen	248	230
Netherlands Gld	3.43	3.21
Norway Kr	12.00	11.19
Portugal Esc	262.50	244.50
South Africa Rd	5.45	4.85
Spain Pta	191.50	178.50
Sweden Kr	11.17	10.42
Switzerland Fr	2.65	2.48
Turkey Lira	8600	7600
USA $	1.815	1.685
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.8 hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.3	0.01	12	54	bright
Anglesey	-	0.03	14	57	rain
Aviemore	5.1	0.10	11	52	bright
Belfast	1.3	0.34	13	55	cloudy
Birmingham	0.1	0.17	13	55	rain
Blackpool	1.2	0.01	14	57	cloudy
Bournemouth	2.1	1.17	17	63	rain
Bristol	-	0.81	13	55	rain
Buxton	0.7	0.06	11	52	cloudy
Cardiff	-	1.57	12	54	rain
Colwyn Bay	-	-	14	57	cloudy
Douglas	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Edinburgh	0.4	0.34	11	52	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.5	0.13	10	50	shower
Exmouth	1.3	1.06	16	61	shower
Glasgow	1.9	-	12	54	cloudy
Guernsey	3.1	0.66	17	63	shower
Hunstanton	4.5	0.12	15	59	bright
Jersey	1.1	0.94	16	61	rain
Kinloss	7.1	-	12	54	sunny
Leeds	1.5	0.02	14	57	shower
Lerwick	2.9	0.09	10	50	shower
London	0.8	0.11	14	57	rain
Lowestoft	2.6	0.09	16	61	shower
Manchester	2.8	0.16	14	57	bright
Minehead	0.1	2.49	13	55	rain
Morecambe	2.2	-	15	59	bright
Newcastle	0.2	0.02	13	55	rain
Nottingham	0.5	0.05	13	55	rain
Penzance	6.2	0.57	18	64	gales
Plymouth	5.3	0.83	16	61	shower
Poole	2.0	1.41	16	61	rain
Salcombe	3.3	1.30	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.4	1.28	17	63	shower
Shanklin	0.2	0.64	16	61	rain
Southsea	-	0.60	16	61	rain
Stornoway	6.8	-	11	52	sunny
Teignmouth	2.7	1.43	16	61	shower
Tenby	-	1.62	13	55	rain
Torquay	3.6	1.45	16	61	bright
Weymouth	0.9	1.43	16	61	rain
Wick	6.5	0.08	11	52	sunny

* denotes Not Available
These are Saturday's figures

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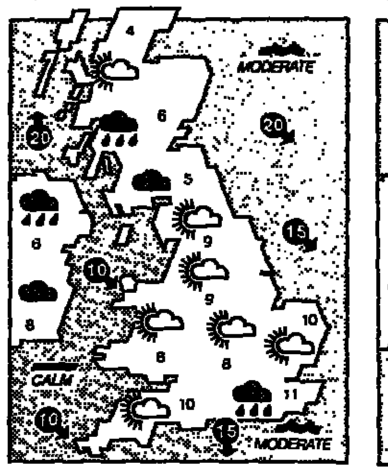

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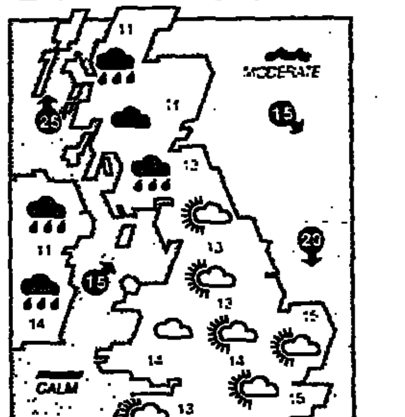

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 11C (52F). Rain 24hr to 6pm, 0.06 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.42 pm to 7.00 am
Bristol 6.52 pm to 7.10 am
Edinburgh 6.52 pm to 7.15 am
Manchester 6.49 pm to 7.10 am
Penzance 7.04 pm to 7.21 am

Sun rises: 6.59 am
Sun sets: 6.42 pm
Moon sets 2.50 pm
Moon rises 10.33 pm
Last Quarter tomorrow

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp Penzance Cornwall, 18C (64F), lowest day max, Lerwick, Shetland, 10C (50F), highest rainfall Tiverton, Somerset, 3.23 in, highest sunshine Tiree, Western Isles, 7.9 hr

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday c, cloud, f fair; r, rain; s, sun

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	f	Guernsey	15	59	c
B'rmgham	11	52	r	Inverness	10	50	f
Blackpool	11	52	c	Jersey	16	61	f
Bristol	12	54	c	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	13	55	c	M'nchster	11	52	r
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	11	52	f	R'nldsway	13	55	s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.25	6.3	6.49	6.4	Liverpool	3.44	8.5	4.07	8.2
Aberdeen	6.11	3.8	6.37	3.7	Lowestoft	2.00	2.2	2.31	2.3
Avonmouth	11.47	11.4	—	—	Margate	4.29	4.4	4.52	4.4
Belfast	3.40	3.2	4.08	3.2	Milford Haven	10.56	6.0	11.31	5.7
Cardiff	11.32	10.6	—	—	Newquay	9.51	6.0	10.27	5.9
Devonport	10.23	4.7	11.01	4.4	Oban	10.05	3.4	10.58	3.3
Dover	3.22	6.1	3.44	6.0	Penzance	9.32	4.7	10.13	4.4
Falmouth	9.53	4.5	10.31	4.2	Portland	11.24	1.8	—	—
Glasgow	5.26	4.5	5.46	4.7	Portsmouth	3.52	4.2	4.24	4.1
Harwich	4.24	3.7	4.46	3.7	Shoreham	3.37	5.6	4.03	5.4
Holyhead	2.52	5.0	3.19	4.9	Southampton	3.29	4.1	3.54	4.1
Hull	11.06	6.6	11.26	6.3	Swansea	10.57	8.3	11.34	7.9
Ilfracombe	10.36	7.9	11.13	7.5	Tees	8.31	4.7	9.02	4.5
King's Lynn	11.13	5.8	11.33	5.5	W'ton-on-Nze	4.15	3.8	4.41	3.9
Leith	7.32	5.0	8.04	4.7					

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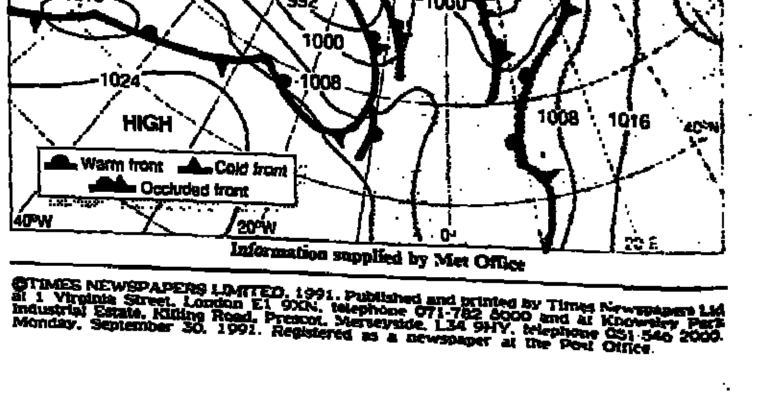

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Weather strands travellers on ferry

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enger. Frank McCoy from
Wexford, on the other hand
described the trip as having
been "an unmitigated pu
gatory, cooped up with mad
musicians, one-armed ban
dits. diabolical food and the
stench of vomit".

The stormy condition
halted other Irish Sea ferr
services and drove a 500-ton
Honduran-registered coaste
ashore on a beach at Rhos-on
Sea. Clwyd. The Marg
Cortes had been trying to ride
the storm off Colwyn Ba
when fierce winds drove he
ashore. where she was caugh
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from the promenade wall.

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as a cargo ship carrying dan
gerous chemicals struggled
dock. The ship. the Buffalo
carried two containers of th
flammable chemical, lithiu
aluminium hydrate. one
which had been overturned

Eleven Britons on
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force ten winds lashed the B
of Biscay. Winds were gustin
at more than 70mph a
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Business Editor
John Bell

US bid for PPI company declined

By OUR CITY STAFF

A group of American financiers said yesterday that on August 15 they made a $620 million offer to buy PPI Del Monte Produce from the administrators of Polly Peck International, but that the offer had been declined.

Union Capital Partners, an acquisition company backed by American equity funds through its agent Kidder Peabody, said it was prepared to increase its bid, if given access to the books of PPI Del Monte Produce, but that the request for access had been denied.

PPI Del Monte Produce is the holding company incorporating Del Monte Fresh Fruit, and is seen as the prize asset remaining in the collapsed Polly Peck empire.

The administrators, Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, say they have not formally solicited for bids but that a number of unsolicited offers have been made. They said that although Union's offer was a gross $620 million, after paying off Del Monte's internal debt the cash receipts would be less than could be raised via other proposals.

The administrators' preference, on which the creditors would decide, is a partial American flotation of Del Monte through which 60 per cent of Del Monte could be floated to raise $500 million.

Allianz denies

Allianz, Europe's largest insurance group, has undermined rumours that it might be stalking a leading British insurance group. In an interview with *Börsenzeitung*, a German financial newspaper, Wolfgang Schieren, chairman of the management board, said Allianz would only raise new capital in case of unexpected financial shortfalls and did not expect to make any further big acquisitions on the scale of its £1.7 billion takeover of the Fireman's Fund, an American insurance group.

Berlin banks

The state government of Berlin is planning to group all its financial interests into a giant bank holding company, which might include Barlays Bank, Crédit Lyonnais of France and Gothaer Versicherung, a German insurance group, as minority shareholders, according to a report in today's edition of *Der Spiegel*, the influential German news magazine. The new grouping would have a business volume of DM120 billion, and represent Germany's sixth largest bank.

Moore post

John Moore, the former social services secretary, once tipped to succeed Margaret Thatcher as prime minster, has been appointed executive chairman of Credit Suisse Asset Management, the fund management group, where he will replace Harry France, the present chairman, at the beginning of next year.

Roads contract

Peek, the traffic systems company, won a £5 million contract from the Department of Transport to supply a new generation motorway traffic control systems. The new system will control busy sections of the M5, M6, M40 and M42 motorways and the tidal flow scheme on the A38M commuter feeder into Birmingham.

Failure of firms raises pressure for interest cut

By ANATOLE KALETSKY AND PHILIP BASSETT

THE Treasury and the Bank of England will be on the alert this week for opportunities to cut a further half point off interest rates. A reduction in bank base rates, from 10½ per cent to 10 per cent, ahead of next week's Conservative party conference has been firmly pencilled in by most financial analysts and many Tory politicians.

A cut would be almost indispensable if John Major wished to preserve the option of calling a November election, since interest rate reductions are traditionally ruled out of order once the campaign begins. With a further big fall in inflation due to be announced on Friday next week, the economic justification for another cut in rates is generally accepted by Treasury and Bank officials, as well as their political masters. New figures out today, showing that the rate of business failures in Britain is still increasing, will add to the evidence that any recovery from the recession remains extremely tentative and slow.

Gloomy figures on business failures, from the regular survey carried out by Dun & Bradstreet, the worldwide business information company, show that 33,532 business have gone under so far this year — an average of about 930 each week. Dun & Bradstreet says that this compares with an average of about 900 a week during the first half of 1991 — indicating an increasing rate, despite some indications from other business surveys, and claims by ministers, that the economy is improving.

The figures are likely to be seized upon by Labour party leaders, during their conference this week in Brighton, as further evidence to support their claims that the government is mismanaging the economy.

Despite the economic and political pressures for lower interest rates, the Treasury will tread cautiously because of the recent strengthening of the German mark in the exchange markets. The pound ended last week at DM2.91, well below its central parity in the European exchange-rate mechanism and lower than the level at which interest rates were cut to 10½ per cent last month.

The pound's decline has been due mainly to a general strengthening of the mark following the cut in American interest rates two weeks ago. But officials are unsure how the markets would react to a further narrowing of the pound's interest rate advantage over the mark at a time when the German currency seems to have become more attractive to international investors. Much may depend on the how foreign exchange markets trade in the first few days of this week.

The bankruptcy analysis shows that the first nine months of 1991 have seen a 71 per cent increase in business failures over the same period last year. Dun & Bradstreet say that this is the highest increase since the company began keeping records of failures in 1980.

Normally, like the rise in unemployment, the rate of business failures continues to increase after a recession has bottomed out, and ministers may claim that this is precisely what the D&B figures are showing.

In a report on the economy to 1996, David Kern, chief economist of NatWest bank, forecasts that unemployment will average 2.3 million, or 8 per cent of the workforce, over the period. He also forecasts that, although the decline in output is now over, Britain faces a long period of adjustment to membership of the European exchange-rate mechanism, which is likely to constrain rises in consumption to about 2 per cent a year as resources shift to investment and exports.

Asda to unveil rights terms

By COLIN CAMPBELL

ASDA, whose financial advisers last week failed to get a planned rights issue off the ground, will unfold its long expected refinancing proposals today or tomorrow

The supermarket chain is financially hamstrung because of net debt that totalled £872.3 million at end-April, a burden largely assumed when it bought 62 Gateway superstores for £705 million in 1989.

Asda is likely to seek £300 million via a rights issue, possible on terms of two for three at 45p, which will help cut its gearing from almost 100 per cent to 55 per cent. The shares were 55p on Friday.

The group's merchant bankers tried to launch the rights issue last week but met resistance from various institutional shareholders. The terms will have been re-drafted over the weekend.

Asda, without a chief executive since John Hardman left in June, and whose interim chairman, Sir Godfrey Messervy, stepped down in September to be replaced by Patrick Gillam, is also concerned over takeover suggestions.

Analysts say a "bankers' plot" to merge Asda with debt-laden Isosceles (the Gateway chain) might appear to have some logic but the idea "will not fly".

Last week, Asda issued a rash of section 212 notices under the Companies Act that demand the true identity of beneficial shareholders. There has been heavy dealing in the shares recently, with one institution said to have sold nearly 2 per cent because of disappointment over financial performance.

At the September 18 annual meeting, Sir Godfrey, the outgoing chairman, said current trading was difficult, and gave a warning of a "very significant deterioration" for the year to-end April, 1992.

Sir Godfrey added that, given current trading, it would be inappropriate to maintain the interim dividend. He forecast a cut to not less than 1.25p a share, compared with 1.85p a share last year.

In the year to April 27, Asda made pre-tax profits of £168 million (£176 million), on turnover of £4.47 billion (£3.55 billion). It paid an unchanged total dividend of 4.8p a share.

The City's reduced profit forecasts for 1992, the worry of Asda's debt burden and the pattern of dull trading in the high street have encouraged City speculation that a takeover bid is about to be sprung.

Foreign buying of Asda shares, including interest from German discount chains, has been suggested.

Asda's 1991 annual report showed that 22.3 per cent was owned by five British institutions, with Provident Mutal Life, the leading shareholder, holding 5.08 per cent.

Call to end 'non-executive' label

Positive role: Sir Adrian Cadbury thinks a non-executive description is misleading

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

THE organisation set up to persuade more companies to recruit non-executive directors wants the title abolished because it implies they do not do anything significant.

Sir Adrian Cadbury, chairman of PRO NED (Promotion of Non-Executive Directors), argues that the title has a negative focus and suggests toothlessness. They should be called independent directors, he suggests, since independence of judgment is the key to their vital role.

Following the departure of Professor Sir Roland Smith from his active but "non-executive" chairmanship of BAe, Sir Adrian says that the question of whether a chairman is executive or non-executive is spurious.

"I would particularly like to see the appellation non executive chairman banished" he writes in the annual review of PRO NED.

Sir Adrian says it is preferable but not essential that the jobs of chairman and chief executive should be held by different people. He acknowledges, however, that the credentials of most non-executive directors are undermined from the start if they are perceived to be cronies of senior management, or thought to be appointed by word of mouth recommendation among a tightly knit circle rather than by open selection. "Any hint of patronage undermines the quality of independence of thought for which they were selected in the first instance," he argues.

Sir Adrian denies that there is any shortage of suitable candidates, although Sir Graham Day, BAe's new chairman, has almost as many posts as the Professor.

Glaxo chief gets £388,000 rise

By OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

SIR Paul Girolami, the chairman of Glaxo, has added to controversy over top salaries with a £388,000 increase in his pay to more than £1 million for the year to end-June.

Glaxo, Britain's top international pharmaceutical group, increased its pre-tax profit from £1.2 billion to £1.3 billion in the period.

Of Sir Paul's total pay of £1.08 million, £135,000 was a one-off, performance-related payment under a new interim incentive scheme linked to profits. The entire board was paid £5.1 million, including £665,000 performance payments, against £3.5 million previously.

Responding to the controversy over pay for directors of recently privatised companies, some firms are changing their arrangements for settling top executives' earnings, reports a new study.

A tenth of companies surveyed for the Foundation for Business Responsibilities, a free-market pressure group, have changed their board remuneration committees that fix executive directors' pay, although most of the others felt arrangements were adequate to ensure rises were justified.

Sir Paul: incentive scheme

The study found the changes included:

☐ Putting all non-executive directors on to a company remuneration committee and stopping executive chairman from heading the committee.

☐ Raising with full boards the effects on staff, customers and shareholders of the disclosure of salary increases.

☐ Limiting the time of executive directors' contracts and looking at long-term bonuses.

The study concludes that while most non-executive directors are confident about the work of remuneration committees, many are unhappy about the presentation of the pay increases to shareholders and the media.

The issue that most angers non-executive directors are the high payouts to business leaders whose companies had "nosedived" since 1989.

In a separate report, the Incomes Data Services pay research company says that company executive directors cannot avoid the responsibility for setting their own pay levels.

IDS suggests non-executive directors taking control of executive directors' pay-setting smacks of "croneyism".

The report questions the idea of market rates for top directors, arguing that "one cannot speak of an established international market in potential chief executives of National Power, British Airways or Hanson in the same way as accountants or secretaries."

Girolami profile, page 3

BT shares to be discounted

By OUR FINANCIAL EDITOR

PRIVATE investors are to be offered a double discount to tempt them to buy a likely £2.5 billion worth of shares in BT, when the government sells part of its stake in November. There will be a straight discount on the first of the three instalments and those who keep their shares will have a choice of bonus shares or a discount on the final instalment. There will, however, be no discounts on telephone bills as BT is already in the private sector and competitors might object.

The initial discount is likely to be about 5 per cent of the full price but nearer 15 per cent of the first instalment.

Details of marketing for the issue will be unveiled tomorrow. No decision has been made on the number of shares to be sold, but the government will probably wish to sell about half its 49 per cent stake to raise £5 billion.

About half the shares are likely to be sold to British institutions and overseas investors who will compete on equal terms in a worldwide tender, in which they will have to name their price.

Private shareholders will pay the striking price, set by the government, less discounts. They will not know the total price until the last moment. The initial instalment will, however, be fixed in advance regardless of the striking price, which may be above the market price due to the instalment payments.

THE POUND

CHANGE ON WEEK

US dollar	1.7355 (+0.0085)
German mark	2.9156 (-0.0048)
Exchange index	91.0 (+0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share	2018.9 (-19.9)
FT-SE 100	2599.0 (-1.3)
New York Dow Jones	3006.04 (-13.19)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge	23969.47 (+776.73)

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Diplomats add a string to their bow

By WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU
EUROPEAN BUSINESS CORRESPONDENT

FAR from being condemned to work as nightwatchmen, former East German ambassadors are among the most sought-after candidates for top management jobs in the countries of their former posting, according to one of Europe's largest firm of headhunters.

Carré Orban & Partners, the Brussels recruitment firm, was last year hired by the German government to find alternative careers for eastern Germany's senior embassy and military staff, most of whom were unceremoniously dumped by their western German counterparts after unification. The task looked daunting at first, but soon it become clear that western companies display a far more open-minded attitude towards the *Ossies* than western German officials.

So far, about 90 ex-diplomats, including 30 ambassadors, have been placed in management positions. This includes the former East German ambassador to India, who now runs a local German production company. A former ambassador in Hungary is now the Budapest representative of a German insurance company, and a member of the embassy in Albania is an estate agent in Leipzig. But most remarkable is the ex-diplomat who works for a Japanese firm selling musical instruments in eastern Europe.

The headhunting goes beyond the diplomacy field, however. Also on the hunters' lists are members of the former East German People's Army, in search for new careers, after many of them could not be integrated into the ranks of the former enemy. Carré Orban's relations with the eastern German military go back some time. The company said it secured access to military files even before the Berlin wall came down, and it even gave seminars on the market economy to officers at the "Friedrich Engels" military academy, presumably now closed or at least renamed.

The efforts have born fruit. Rank Xerox, the American office equipment firm, is recruiting former officers of the People's Army for its eastern German sales force. And for an American healthcare company eager to build a sales team in eastern Germany, the headhunters are currently screening the files of the former military medical branch.

The reason for this recruitment drive is a surge in demand by western companies to build up east European management teams. Patrick Alexander, head of Carré Orban's eastern European practice, said many westerners, or east Europeans who have been living in the West, are unsuitable. "You don't want people to go back because they have failed in the West," he said. "And you have to be careful about the motivation of the people. The last thing you want is an emigré with a missionary outlook."

The requirements are language, business skills, and communication and training skills. Not surprising, then, that former diplomats are in a strong position. They might lack business skills, but this is the easiest gap to fill.

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Rioting threatens Zaire's minerals

By JAN RAATH AND COLIN CAMPBELL

COPPER and cobalt production in Zaire, already stricken by turmoil in the southern Shaba province, has been further endangered by the suspension of talks on a US$900 million rescue package.

Senior executives of Gecamines, wholly owned by the Zaire government and the holding company for all Zaire's leading mining operations, are due to meet this week with representatives of the World Bank, the European Investment Bank and the African Development Bank for talks on a recovery programme to put the company back on its fleet.

Gecamines, which accounts for 80 per cent of Zaire's gross domestic product, produced 345,000 tonnes of copper, 6 per cent of global output, last year, but management and production problems are expected to cut it to 260,000 tonnes this year. Forecast cobalt production of 12,000 tonnes for 1991, more than half world output, is down 2,000 tonnes on 1990.

London metal analysts forecast that a sustained disruption of copper and cobalt supplies from Zaire, compounded by problems in Zambia, will raise prices of both metals in world markets. Copper prices have averaged only 108 cents a pound on the London Metal Exchange this year, down from 121 cents in 1990, due to the international recession. Cobalt prices have already strengthened because of falling stocks and concern over supplies from Russia, which produces almost 21 per cent of world supply.

Edward Lyssan, Gecamines' finance director, told *The Times* that the company was due to meet at its headquarters in Lubumbashi to discuss the rescue plan, submitted earlier to the three banks. But the troubles last week had thrown the meeting into uncertainty: the company's offices in Kolwezi were reported to be demolished in rioting on Wednesday. Mr Lyssan said production had stopped on Tuesday shortly before he and other executives closed the Lubumbashi offices and fled to Harare and Johannesburg.

"It's hard to talk of a business recovery plan in the context of the problems the country is having right now," he said. "We are at the point where we cannot pay our suppliers. The company is on a downward spiral and we need an injection of funds."

Gecamines' problems with lawlessness started well before the current outbreak of violence. President Mobutu this year ordered troops to be stationed 24 hours a day around the Lubumbashi premises to cut down theft. Mr Lyssan admitted he did not "have a lot of computer files right now" because the ill-paid soldiers were stealing them for resale as wrapping paper in the Lubumbashi market.

> 'We cannot pay suppliers: we're on a downward spiral and need an injection of funds'

Supporting role: John Jackson, who takes the helm at Howden Group this week

Jackson to steer ailing Howden

By MARTIN BARROW

JOHN Jackson, whose canny stewardship of SD-Scicon and Cambridge Electronic Industries earned a strong City following, has accepted the challenge of steering one of Scotland's largest companies into safer waters.

This week marks Mr Jackson's first as non-executive chairman of Howden Group, the engineering concern hit by substantial losses on a Scandinavian contract that went badly wrong and is the subject of a complex legal battle.

Howden called on shareholders for £30 million in July, just one week after disclosing that annual profits had slumped, from £22.2 million before tax to just £3 million, because of provisions against its involvement in the Great Belt project linking east and west Denmark.

The company charged £10.4 million against the cost of supplying machines to bore a railway tunnel under the Great Belt Straits. The machines were delivered late and had to be modified because of operational difficulties.

Howden blamed the way they were operated; the contractors blamed Howden for design faults. Negotiations between the two sides broke down and the issue will have to be resolved by arbitration.

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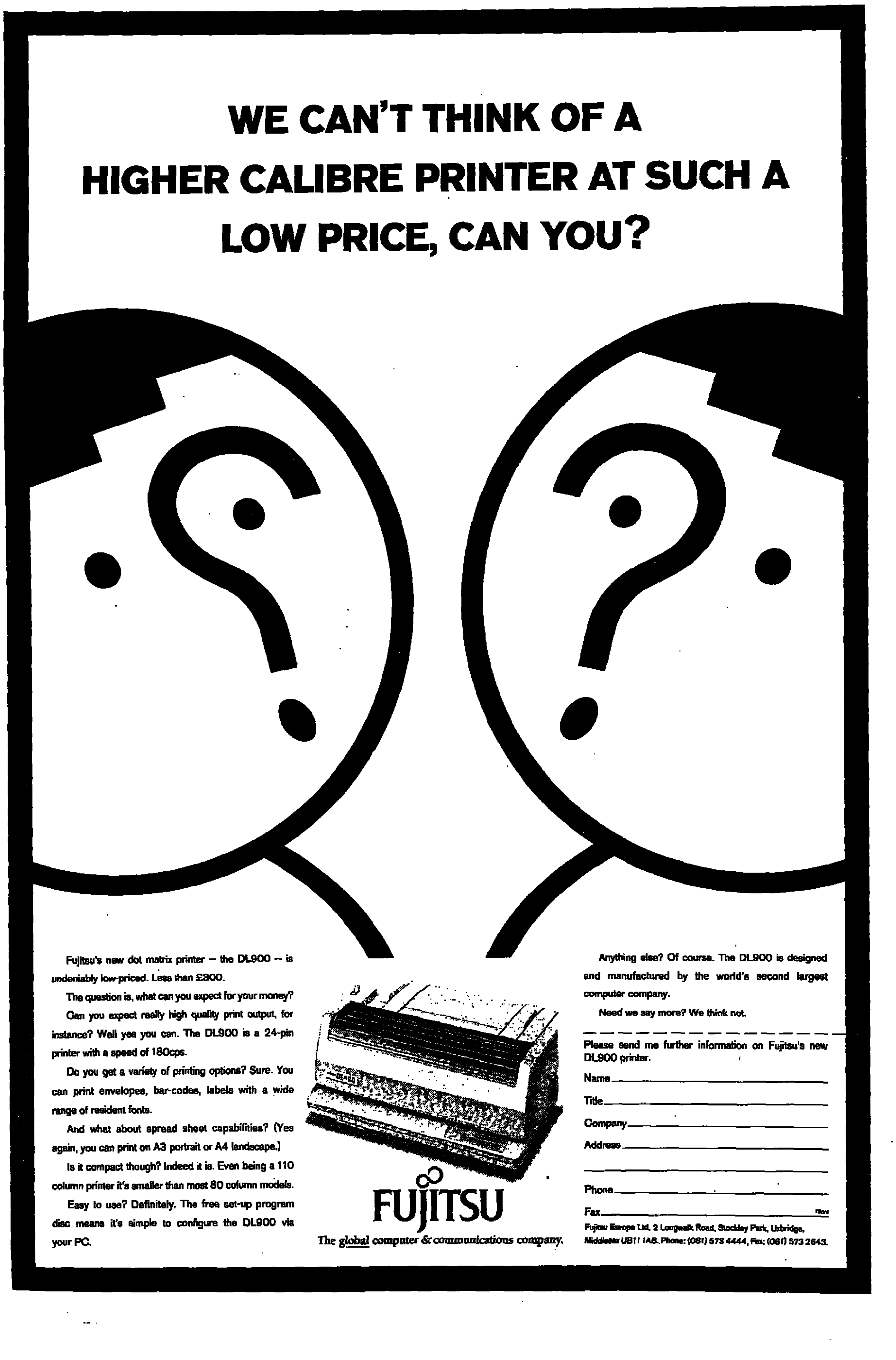

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Brazil tries anew to sell steel mill

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE Brazilian government is to make a second attempt at privatising the country's largest steel mill, hoping to avoid the farce of its first effort.

The state will outline its revised proposals on Thursday in the hope of securing greater support for the $980 million sale of 75 per cent of Usiminas on October 15. The first attempt collapsed last week just minutes before an auction of Usiminas shares amid chaotic scenes at the Rio de Janeiro bourse.

Militant steel workers threatened to invade the stock exchange and would-be investors found the bourse entrance firmly bolted and were pelted with eggs. Eduardo Modiano, the president of Brazil's National Development Bank, announced the decision to abort the sale via a telex from the safety of his office in Brasilia.

The proposed sale was to be the flagship of Brazil's $18 billion, 15-month privatisation programme, involving 27 state-run concerns.

The steel sell-off ultimately stumbled over a legal argument over the financial instruments that could be used to buy shares, in addition to the cruzeiros and cruzados novos that are the country's parallel currencies.

Deposit facility agreements, debentures of the state-owned foundry Siderbras, privatisation certificates and agricultural debt paper, all previously sanctioned by the development bank, were outlawed as methods of payment for shares.

But the ruling was simply the latest in a long series of legal challenges against President Fernando Collor de Mello's privatisation plans by opponents to state sales. More than 150 entities had prequalified to bid for shares in Usiminas but it is feared that few will show interest second time round.

Finland prepares massive sell-off

By COLIN NARBROUGH

The Finnish government is determined to push ahead with the privatisation of its large state corporations, beginning with Neste, its oil and chemicals group, despite the severe recession gripping the country and the steady fall in share prices on the Helsinki stock exchange.

The privatisation of Neste, Finland's largest industrial company, will probably begin next spring. Jaakko Ihamuotila, Neste's managing board chairman, expects the dilution of the state shareholding to start with an issue of new shares equivalent to 20 per cent of the company, with the state losing its majority in the late Nineties.

Risto Ranki, deputy director of the Ministry of Trade and Industry and author of a report that gave fresh urgency to the privatisation debate in Finland earlier this year, said he expected the Neste issue would raise about 2 billion Finmarks (£280 million).

The issue, to be made in London and Helsinki by mid-1992, would only be the beginning of a campaign to reduce state control of industry, he said.

The state controls a fifth of national industry — a phenomenon linked to Finland's break with the Russian empire in 1917 rather than any British-style nationalistion. A number of companies are already earmarked for privatisation. Most likely candidates after Neste are Enso-Gutzeit, the 62 per cent state-owned forest industry group, and Outukumpu, the 71 per cent-controlled mining and metallurgy group, and Kemira, the wholly owned chemicals company whose takeover of ICI's fertiliser business was blocked earlier this year by Peter Lilley, the trade secretary.

On Friday, the cabinet approved plans for a supplementary budget to remove government control in four state companies.

The Finns have argued that Mr Lilley's decision over Kemira was unjustified as the state has rarely become involved in the actual running of the companies it owns.

The key factor in the privatisation programme is likely to be the rapid deterioration of government finances arising from the recession and the sudden collapse of Soviet trade.

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Campaign planned by City airport

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

OFFICIALS from London City Airport worked throughout the weekend to produce a powerful new marketing campaign that they hope will persuade airlines from Scandinavia to Spain to move into the Docklands airport.

Within hours of approval being given for an extension to London City's runway to enable jets to land, the Swiss regional airline Crossairs had said it was planning to introduce British Aerospace 146 four-engine jets on services to Swiss cities by the spring of next year.

Most airlines, however, are likely to use the new generation of propeller-driven aircraft which, although smaller, are luxurious, filled with sophisticated technology and offer greater economic benefits to the operators than the four-engine 146 jet.

The airport has the potential to grow to handle 2 million passengers a year, rather than the present 200,000 passengers who now use it annually. A limit of 700,000 passengers a year has been imposed unless additional car parking space is created.

This, however, is a restriction the airport developers regard as purely academic, as they argue that they have already built enough car parking space to handle well over the expected growth.

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Creating a citizens' market

ECONOMIC VIEW

ANATOLE KALETSKY

With the recession now all but over, education and health have turned into the biggest clouds on the government's political horizon. To John Major this must seem most unreasonable and thoroughly unfair. Of course he has refused to throw money at the public services, but then so has John Smith. Yet people keep pooh-poohing the bright ideas from Downing Street's policy unit for getting more value for money in the public services by using market forces. The reason may be that voters understand the markets better than Mr Major's advisers.

The post-Thatcher Tories accept that people should not be made to pay for health and education at the point of delivery. But their approach to public sector management is to construct artificial structures which mimic the operation of markets, even when no money changes hands — health service trusts, opted-out schools, rebates for late trains, auctions of television franchises, "consumer contracts" for prisoners, and so on.

These pseudo-markets may raise efficiency in the sense of minimising the inputs required to produce a given output. But in their obsession with minimising costs, the Tories forget that genuine markets have two other equally important functions: to tell producers what consumers want and then force them to provide it through competition; and to balance supply with demand. The trouble with pseudo-markets is that they may cut costs, but still intensify the public sector's problems on the other two counts.

As long as people do not pay for services in proportion to the amounts they consume, demand will always exceed supply. But market-type payment at the point of delivery is rightly considered unacceptable because society considers education and health to be rights independent of income. This means that the resources devoted to public services must be decided by voting, not by market forces. The allocation of resources to each service cannot be managed by the market either, since these resources will always be too small to meet demand.

If money follows pupils in schools, for example, the children lucky enough to go to good schools will benefit from even more resources, while those at the educational sinks will be even worse off. In the long run there may be incentives for schools to make themselves more popular but for years the effects of this added popularity will be unacceptable and perverse. As long as schools differ in quality, there has to be a mechanism for rationing demand. The sorting may be done by intelligence tests, waiting list, residence requirements or religious quotas. But a pseudo-market which widens the disparity in quality will only make the rationing more acute.

In health there is a further problem. Patients are not sufficiently knowledgeable to choose between hospitals and treatments themselves. The family doctors and medical bureaucrats may gain influence in the new NHS "market" but there is nothing to guarantee that their decisions will reflect public preferences when choices have to be made between shortening waiting list for hip operations, spending on cancer research or hiring more polite receptionists.

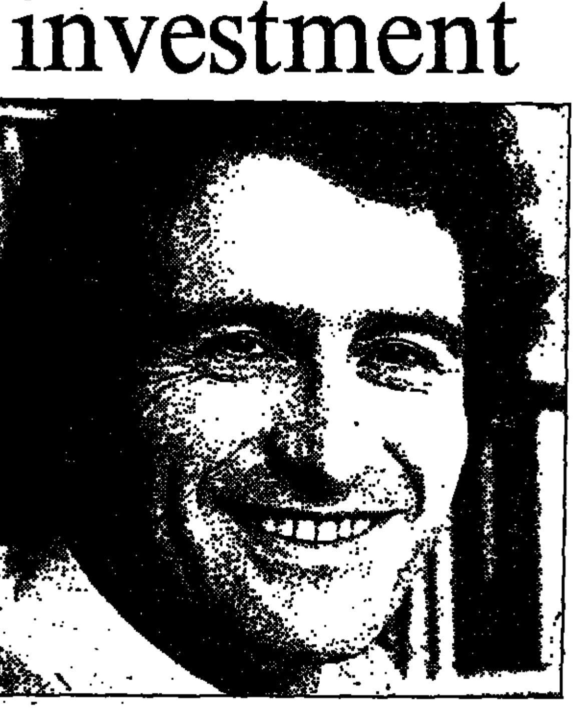
Thus, markets cannot make consumers sovereign in schools and hospitals as they are in the economy. Yet, in a sense, the Tories are on the right track. If citizens had a greater say in the objectives of the public services, they would understand and support the efficiency improvements that internal markets could produce. But, to create consumer sovereignty in the public services, better political, as well as economic, markets would be required.

The total resources available to public services could be determined through specific taxes to finance education and health. Priorities would then be debated openly at general elections instead of being settled at the whim of the Chief Secretary of the Treasury in back-room horsetrading. Even more importantly, the management of public institutions would have to be brought closer to the voters, instead of being delegated to Whitehall, or even local councils. The single party political mandate is too blunt an instrument to reflect the multiplicity of public views on each of these services. Hospitals might be best run by socialists, street-cleaning by fanatical free marketeers and schools by liberals. There is no reason why they should all by managed by one political cabal. The logic of consumer sovereignty points to direct elections for local health authorities, school governors, police chiefs and even public utility regulators. Such detailed accountability may seem unimaginable in our elective dictatorship, but it is common in America and many other genuinely democratic countries.

The Tories are right to believe that competition is the key to reforming Britain's public services. But it cannot be competition of the market type. Decisions on health and education must be taken by one man one vote, not one pound one vote.

If politics is looking for a Big Idea for the post-Thatcherite, post-socialist era, then a true citizens' market to run the public services is one that could attract and challenge all three main parties. It may be an idea whose time has come.

Supplying the basis for stable investment



Eatwell: supply-side champion for the Labour party

Labour adviser **John Eatwell** takes our Economics Editor to task over his analysis of the party's policy

IN LAST week's Economic View column, Anatole Kaletsky attacked the Labour party's economic strategy, accusing it of "solipsism, hubris, absurdity" and much more. But once the attack is stripped of such flummery, there remains but one proposition: "Rising consumption leads to higher investment, improving productivity, growing incomes and still more consumption. This is how the wheel of capitalism goes on turning."

So the argument advanced by Neil Kinnock and John Smith that it is vital for investment, not consumption, to lead Britain out of the recession, demonstrates that they do not understand "which way the wheel is supposed to turn," he claims.

If this were right, then Kaletsky's argument would indeed go to the very heart of Labour's economic strategy. For Labour's approach is built on the proposition that Britain requires a significant increase in long-term investment — investment in productive capacity, in people, and in ideas. Both macroeconomic policy and supply-side policy are designed to that end.

Long-term investment requires a stable macro framework — low inflation, low interest rates and stable exchange rates. Labour will pursue these objectives by means of a variety of direct measures to control the growth of broad money (complementing the use of interest rates as other EC countries do), by commitment to the ERM, and by securing "first division" status for Britain in any European Monetary Union.

At the heart of Labour's strategy for long-term investment is its supply-side policy. This encompasses a wide range of measures to encourage and sustain industrial investment, to enhance the quality of our education and training system, to facilitate innovation and high quality design, and to modernise Britain's crumbling infrastructure. All spelt out in full. All ignored by Kaletsky. Without sustained supply-side policies, rising investment will not automatically follow from growing consumption, as the experience of the last decade clearly shows.

Taking the period 1979 to 1989 (and so avoiding any distortion associated with the recession) consumption expenditure rose 39 per cent. But output in the consumer goods industries rose only 10 per cent. The difference was made up by consumption goods imports, which rose 94 per cent. The investment story is difficult to unravel, since there are no separate figures for investment in the consumption industries. But investment in manufacturing industry as a whole rose 10 per cent (and has since fallen to below the level of 1979). Investment in distribution, in all those shiny new superstores so efficiently selling imports, has risen 61 per cent.

It is clear what is happening. Low investment means that the industries that produce Britain's tradeable goods have become steadily less competitive over the decade. Rising consumer demand translates into rising imports and a severe imbalance in the economy as demand grows faster than production. Any stimulus to investment is weak, and so consumption growth does not result in comparable growth in competitive capacity.

Some argue that competitiveness can be restored by devaluing the pound. But if the inflationary pressures generated by devaluation are taken into account, together with the interest premium that would have to be paid to restore the credibility of Britain's commitment to a fixed rate, the benefits of any feasible devaluation become negligible. In these circumstances, demand management can be a means of achieving and maintaining full employment only if the economy can sustain an indefinitely large volume of foreign borrowing to cover current account deficits. Consumption-led growth is a Mexican strategy for Britain.

In his attack on Labour's commitment to the ERM, Kaletsky does not discuss the economic arguments for or against devaluation. Instead, he derides "Labour's tactically foolish commitment to keep sterling in the ERM at its present exchange rate". By promising not to devalue sterling, Mr Smith has "sustained the Tories' golden scenario of pre-election interest rate cuts," he says.

This argument suggests that John Smith should advocate a devaluation, even though he does not believe it to be economically desirable, just so that Labour's opinion poll lead would be translated into pressure on the pound, higher interest rates, lower investment, more unemployment, more housing repossessions and a longer recession. This is quite simply disgraceful. Labour is serious about Britain's economic future, not playing games.

Critics who infer from Labour's firm commitment to the ERM that Labour does not offer a clear alternative to Conservative economic policies have been infected with the traditional British vice of obsession with macroeconomics and neglect of the supply side. Training, infrastructure, industrial policy are oh so boring compared with the majestic sweep of exchange rates, interest rates and fiscal stance. But the truth is that without the right supply-side policies — the policies that Labour is proposing and which the Conservative party opposes — no amount of fiddling with the exchange rate or the interest rate or taxes will change Britain for the better.

The argument that growing consumption leads automatically to growing investment has been championed in turn by Reginald Maudling, Anthony Barber and Nigel Lawson, always with disastrous results. Today, Norman Lamont is preparing to repeat this traditional Tory error, to the considerable detriment of Britain's economic future.

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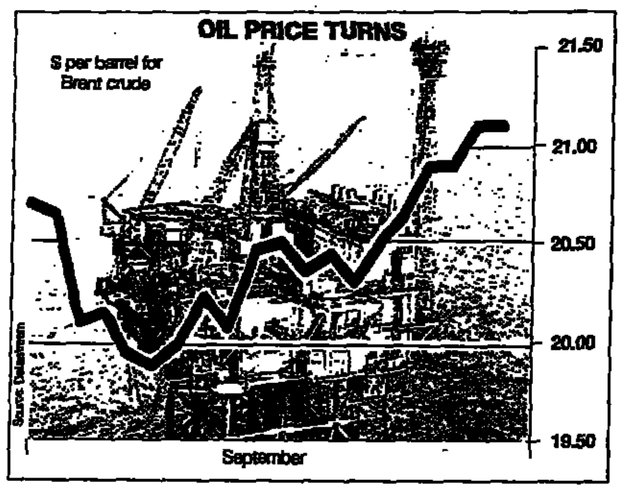
Saudis threaten to shake up barrel

Future oil prices are uncertain after the latest Opec rift, writes **Martin Barrow**



HIGHER oil prices followed the fourth-quarter output accord struck by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, with the benchmark North Sea Brent crude rising from $19.90 a barrel to $21.15 last week.

Traders focused on a tight anticipated balance between supply and demand, as winter stockbuilding gathers pace in America and northwest Europe, and forecast further increases in the event of a cold snap.

Further over the horizon, however, the outlook for oil prices remains confused, following the very public row between Saudi Arabia and other members of Opec. This has raised questions over the future of the quota system.

Reports that Saudi Arabia had threatened to withdraw from Opec because of widespread opposition to its demand in Geneva for higher quotas were dismissed by the Saudi delegation. It claimed remarks made behind closed doors were subsequently quoted out of context. But there is no doubt that the acrimonious exchanges between Hisham Nazer, the Saudi oil minister, and his counterparts damaged the united front that Opec has shown since the invasion of Kuwait last year.

Iran, these days a moderate Opec member, clearly believed its fragile friendship with Saudi Arabia — an important stabilising factor in the cartel — was under stress. The Saudis said they intended to produce up to 8.5 million barrels per day, with or without Opec's blessing, and the Iranians resented their refusal to compromise.

Opec was consequently obliged to set a production ceiling of 23.65 million bpd — roughly in line with the anticipated call on its oil — without allocating output targets for individual countries. The reference price of $21 a barrel, based on a basket of Middle Eastern crudes that trade at a discount to Brent, remains.

In practice, individual quotas are rendered unnecessary by the inability of members other than Saudi Arabia to produce more oil. All the others are already working at full capacity, and Opec's third-quarter output target was consequently breached — unashamedly — by more than 1 million bpd.

Opec's quota does not include oil from Iraq, which has stated it can produce up to one million bpd at relatively short notice. Baghdad has yet to say whether it will accept the United Nations' proposals to allow about 500,000 barrels of Iraqi oil a day to be sold to raise money for essential needs and war reparations.

This oil would be delivered through a pipeline into Turkey and distributed by agencies acting on behalf of the United Nations. It seems unlikely to find its way to America, where regulations still bar Iraqi imports, including oil. Resistance will also be encountered in much of Europe. Iraqi oil may therefore be dumped in the Mediterranean region, creating an artificial local market with deflated prices.

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Darwall-Smith pedals in

PHILIP Darwall-Smith, given the task of winding up Stock Group after the demise of British & Commonwealth, has become head of business development at Williams de Broë. An old Carthusian and fanatical skier, he hopes to build up United Kingdom fund management and boost private banking links with Europe. "We are looking for people to add to the team," says Darwall-Smith, who spent four years at Lazards before joining British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank and helps organise the annual London to Brighton cycle race. Fellow skier Richard Williamson, who left Williams de Broë two months ago, has resurfaced at Banque Nationale de Paris.

In and out

PAUL Hopkins, the former Bankers Trust whizz-kid who left the firm five months ago for a rival American house, is up for grabs — and he has a healthy payout to tide him over. Hopkins has resigned as head of international equities at Kemper Investment Management (Kimco), the British arm of the Chicago financial services group. In five years at Bankers Trust he boosted managed funds from $100 million to $700 million, and had hoped to do the same at Kimco. Gordon Johns, managing director of Kimco, said the group remains committed to international equities.

Golden boy

EUAN Worthington, mining analyst at Warburgs, is celebrating the birth of a son. His offspring has been named Harry Michael Edward, leaving colleagues to wonder if the christian names recognise the world's mining chiefs — Oppenheimer senior of Anglo American, and Sir Michael of Minorco. Should go far.

MORE collective nouns for our collection, by courtesy of a City Diary reader in West Sussex: an exemption of tax advisers, a mirage of economic indicators, and a hesitation of economists.

Dynamic duo

MICHAEL Heseltine's decision not to allow a heliport to be built on the north bank of the Thames near Cannon Street railway bridge may anger City high-fliers tired of making the trek from Battersea by road. But it will not affect Robert Maxwell, the publisher, who regularly flies in to the Mirror building at Holborn Circus. Nor will it dampen prospects for Nicholas Oppenheimer, son of Harry, who flies himself to work by helicopter and is the only other person licensed to land in central London.

In the cart

DRINKS analysts on a visit to Joshua Tetley, the Yorkshire arm of Allied Breweries, were confronted on arrival by two enormous grey Shire geldings pulling a brewers' dray. One bore the name plate Jasper, the other Rodney. Wags wondered whether the splendidly named Jasper Rodney Archer, an Allied Lyons PR adviser and director of Cardew & Co, was responsible. "Certainly not," says Archer. "I assumed it was a joke — or some kind of compliment."

Supper show

REGULARS diners at The Savoy Grill, the place where the Square Mile's power brokers like to be seen, are set to put their reputations on the line. To conceal building work at the Savoy Theatre, a colourful mural has recently gone up on the wall opposite the Grill depicting a theatre stage and an audience of four. The restaurant has challenged its diners to answer three questions: who is sitting in the boxes? what performance are they watching? and who is the odd one out on stage? Three bottles of Savoy Centenary champagne (Pol Roger 1982) are on hand waiting for the first three correct answers that are sent in to *The Times* City Diary.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Forte profits poised to slump at halfway

Half-time slide likely: David Donne of Steetley

Write-offs of £20 million: Amstrad's Alan Sugar

THE worldwide recession and the Gulf war will result in a substantial decline in first-half profits at **Forte**, the international hotels and catering group formerly known as Trusthouse Forte. Britain's biggest hotel company, which *is led by Rocco Forte, the chief* executive, and which reports on Thursday, was left reeling under the shadow of the decline in hotel bookings caused by the Gulf war.

The recession and its stranglehold effect on consumer spending made matters even worse. The hotels division, which accounts for nearly two-thirds of the group's profits, will be the hardest hit and could see profits halved. Simon Johnson, an analyst at Kleinwort Benson, *said: "It's been fairly* gruesome and their exposure to hotels is not going to help them in any way, shape or form."

The Gardner Merchant contract catering business should serve up a relatively resilient performance, with this part of the business suffering less than others in recessionary times. *Airport catering will have* suffered from the decline in air travel and reduced consumer spending will have taken its toll on restaurants, which will be struggling.

Mr Johnson expects Forte to turn in pre-tax profits of about £45 million for the first half, down from £113 million last time. Earnings per share are expected to fall to 3.9p (10.7p), although the dividend should be held at 2.75p.

Market forecasts range from £45 million to £60 million. Kleinwort predicts full-year pre-tax profits of £133 million (£187 million), but the broker's forecast will be trimmed to about £125 million if Forte does not achieve interim prof*its of more than £45 million.*

Mr Forte is expected to sound a gloomy note on the group's historic performance. However, cost-cutting, particularly in the hotels division, along with the prospect of a recovery in the number of overseas visitors and revived domestic consumer expenditure, may enable Mr Forte *to tell the City that things are* looking better.

TODAY

In spite of its substantial overseas exposure, **Steetley**, the international building materials group headed by David Donne, the chairman, and Richard Miles, the managing director, will confirm what Tarmac and RMC have already indicated. Graham Foster, at Nomura Research, predicts that interim pre-tax profits will slump to £20 million (£49.2 million).

Market forecasts range from £14 million to £26 million. The dividend should be main*tained at 5p. Profits will be* affected by a combination of bad weather in northern Europe, the recession in North America and the slump in demand for building products and aggregates in the United Kingdom. Attention will be on the level of gearing, which is more than 50 per cent.

Interims: Allied Partnership Group, Baillie Gifford Technology, Computer People Group, El Oro Mining & Exploration, Era Group, Exploration Company, Headline Book Publishing, Laser-Scan Holdings, New Ireland Holdings, Ramco Oil Services, Steetley, TR High Income Trust.

Finals: Associated Nursing Services, Beaverco, Bristol Channel Ship Repairers, Churchbury Estates, High-Point, International Resort Holdings, JF Pacific Warrant Co SA.

Economic statistics: Engineering sales and orders at current and constant prices (July); major British banking groups' quarterly analysis of lending (June-August); new vehicle registrations (August); London sterling certificates of deposit (August); monetary statistics, including bank and building society balance sheets (August); bill turnover statistics (August); sterling commercial paper (August).

TOMORROW

Interim figures from **Sears**, the Selfridges-to-British Shoe Corporation retail conglom*erate led by Geoffrey Maitland* Smith, will reflect another difficult period, particularly for clothing and footwear. Nick Bubb, at Morgan Stanley, is looking for "clean" pre-tax profits of £15 million, down from £42 million last time, excluding property profits. Market forecasts range *from £11 million to £20* million.

The headline profits figure could be £30 million, against last time's declared figure of *£62 million including prop*erty. One of the main problems will be British Shoe, which could make a loss of £10 million, against profits of about £4 million last time. Olympus and Miss Selfridge will have found the going tough.

Mr Bubb said: "Cost pressures will be chipping away at a time when sales have been flat."

The dividend is likely to be maintained at 1.53p, but Mr Bubb says: "Sears can't be guaranteed to maintain its dividend, given the continued slump in profits."

Final pre-tax profits at **Raine Industries**, *the house*building and construction company in Derby, are forecast to decline to about £20 million, down from £27.3 million last time.

Interims: Alexon Group, Arcolectric (Holdings), Boosey & Hawkes, British Shoe Corporation, Broadstoner Holdings, Burnfield, Dolphin Packaging, Sears, Stylo, Sykes-Pickavant, Tharsis, Ward Group, *Watts, Blake, Bearne & Co.*

Finals: Beckman (A), Magnetic Materials Group, Ossory Estates, Raine Industries.

WEDNESDAY

A higher bad debt charge will result in sharply lower interim profits from the **Bank of Scotland**. However, a healthy recovery is expected from the previous six-month period. First-half pre-tax profits are seen falling to £56.5 million *(£105.5 million)*, according to Nick Gough, at County NatWest WoodMac.

Market forecasts range from £56 million to £64 million. Earnings per share may fall to 2.64p (6.58p), but a 10 per cent rise in the dividend to 1.75p is forecast.

Interims: Ash & Lacy, Bank of Scotland, Bluebird Toys, Bostrom, Claremont Garments Holdings, EW Fact, Higgs and Hill, Ipeco Holdings, Lamont Holdings, LGW, REA Holdings.

Finals: Photo-Me International.

Economic statistics: Overseas travel and tourism (July); UK official reserves (September), advance energy statistics (August); details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators.

THURSDAY

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No dividend is expected *(0.7p last time).* The market is looking for pre-exceptional losses of between £1 million and £2 million.

Tough trading conditions and an exceptional write-off on unsold stock of personal computers will mean a sharp decline in reported full-year profits at **Amstrad**, Alan Sugar's consumer electronics group.

County NatWest has pencilled in a 59 per cent decline in pre-tax profits to £18 million (£43.7 million), although the dividend should be maintained at 1.4p. Market forecasts range from £10 million to £20 million. County assumes a £20 million exceptional write-off on the slow-moving PC2000 stock.

Interims: Clinton Cards, Etam, Forte, Hewden Stuart, International Communication & Data, Martin (Albert) Holdings, Next, Sheffield Insulations Group, Sherwood Group.

Finals: Amstrad, Galliford, Intereurope Technology Services, International Media Communications, Norex, Pict Petroleum, Renishaw.

FRIDAY

Interims: Bilton (Percy), IRG, Scottish Television, Senf Cowells.

Finals: Cooper Clarke Group, Creston, Halstead (James), Welsh Industrial Investment Trust.

Economic statistics: Housing starts and completions (August); house renovations (second quarter), cyclical indicators for the UK economy (July — third estimate).

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Coal cuts urged to sustain profits

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

BRITAIN's coal industry may have to close up to 80 per cent of its pits to sustain profitability by the end of the decade, says an analysis of British Coal published today.

The estimate, from the Adam Smith Institute, the right-wing think-tank, is one of a range in its *Working Capital* report, to which several advisers to BC's promised privatisation contribute.

The institute, which wants BC broken up, says the organisation's recent first profit for 13 years will push coal privatisation higher up the policy agenda.

Dr Eamonn Butler, the institute's director, says that, based on forecasts from the House of Commons' energy committee, profitability might be sustainable only with further cuts in capacity — "down to around 20 pits, or even below 10, by the year 2000".

BC has about 55 pits, employing about 50,000 miners. Cuts on the scale forecast by the institute would be more than 80 per cent, leaving the industry employing as few as 8,000 workers.

Dr Michael Clark, chairman of the Commons committee, suggests BC should become three or four small competing companies. These would operate mainly in the central coalfield, running 12 to 15 pits, which would be reasonably secure from import competition. Malcolm Edwards, BC's marketing director, says there is "every reason" why the company should not be kept in the public sector.

Price Waterhouse, which has advised the government on most of the big privatisations, uses BC figures to show that two-thirds of the deep-mined earnings potential is in Yorkshire, with a further 20 per cent expected from Nottinghamshire. Other fields are expected to produce together only 15 per cent.

Dr John Wright, of Price Waterhouse's privatisation services department, says these figures underline the importance of the central coalfields. He points to the open-cast sector as another part of the "profitable core" of the industry.

Finns wait for Britain to oil wheels of expansion

Neste, Finland's state-owned petrochemicals company, looks east and west for its future

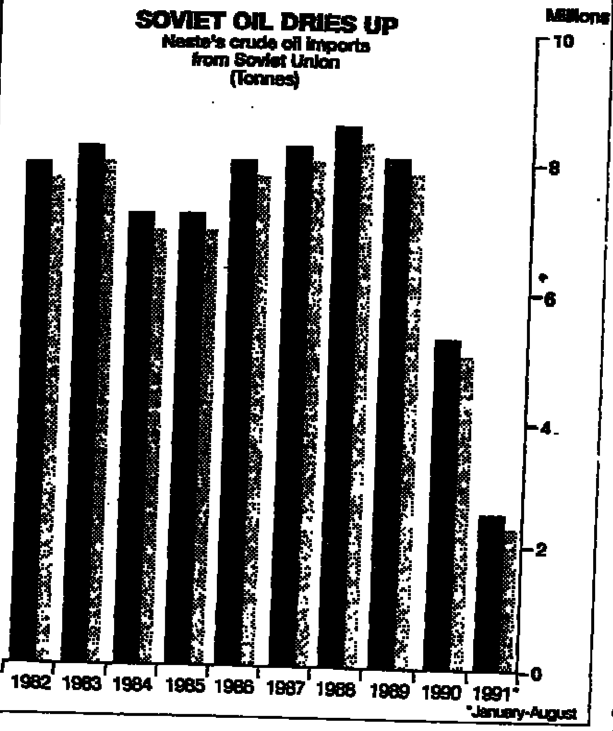
FROM the executive suite atop the Neste Corporation tower just west of Helsinki, Jaakko Ihamuotila, managing board chairman of the state-owned Finnish oil and chemicals group, looks out over a pine-forested archipelago to the Baltic Sea. In the political and economic opening-up of the Baltic's eastern shores, he sees an historic opportunity for Neste to grow, an expansion that will use the proceeds of part-privatisation to fund strategic investments.

Yet, even as Neste extends its filling station network to St Petersburg and the newly independent Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, it is the North Sea rather than the Baltic, that is currently very much in Mr Ihamuotila's mind. Aware of the decision by Peter Lilley, Britain's trade secretary, to reject the takeover by another Finnish state company of ICI's fertiliser business, he is concerned about the Office of Fair Trading's scrutiny of the £60 million bid Neste made for Sovereign Oil on September 12.

Sovereign forms a key part of Neste's urgent drive, after years of being 80 per cent dependent on Soviet crude supplies, to secure its own sources of oil elsewhere. A thumbs-down from Mr Lilley on the grounds that Neste represents back-door state ownership might, ironically, upset the issue of Neste shares to the public being prepared by the Finnish government.

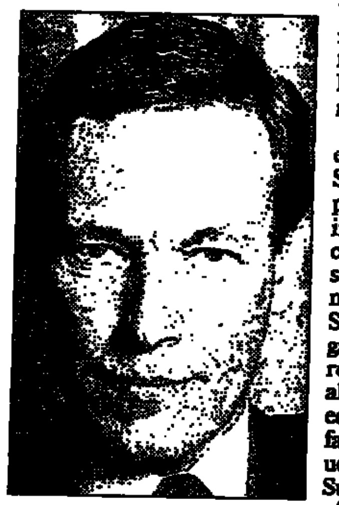
A blow to the Neste's North Sea strategy could seriously undermine market perceptions of the company's prospects and break the pace of the Finnish privatisation programme in general.

Neste acquired 29.7 per cent of Sovereign, a fairly small London-quoted exploration and production company, in 1988. Sovereign's operations are focused in the North Sea with holdings in the Brae, Forties and Claymore oilfields, plus the Victor gasfield. Development of the delayed Emerald field should lead to production next month. Sovereign's pre-tax profit last year was £3.9 million on net sales of £20.4 million. By comparison, Neste is a giant. In 1990, net profits rose 22 per cent to £370 million on sales up a third to £7.4 billion. Oil sales accounted for about three-quarters of the total.


SOVIET OIL DRIES UP
Neste's crude oil imports from Soviet Union (Tonnes)

*January-August

Mr Ihamuotila insists that the 2 per cent market share Neste would acquire of the UK continental shelf through the Sovereign takeover would fall far short of anything that could warrant rejection by the British authorities. Sovereign would boost Neste's in-house production of oil to over 1 million tonnes a year from its present 600,000, still well short of its target of at least 3 million tonnes.


Ihamoutila: opportunity

The Finnish company acquired Arco's Norweigian operations a year and a half ago, thereby gaining access to the Norwegian continental shelf. Production off Norway has not begun yet, but when oil flows it should boost Neste's North Sea output to around 2 million tonnes a year.

The company's bad experience in recent years with the Soviet Union, its main supplier, highlights the basic flaw in relying on a crumbling command economy as a steady source of any commodity. Large imports of Soviet crude oil and natural gas, cleared through a bilateral rouble-based arrangement, allowed Finland to export equivalent amounts of manufactured goods and food products to the Soviet market. Such has been the breakdown of the Soviet oil industry that it last year could only supply Neste, its biggest West European customer, with 5.2 million tonnes, far short of the 8 million to 9 million tonnes it was contracted to deliver. In the first eight months of this year, only about 2.5 million tonnes have been supplied, despite Neste paying the world market price.

Neste had to look for alternative supplies, and not just from the North Sea. But Mr Ihamuotila has not given up on the Soviet Union, or, perhaps, the Russian Federation. "We are their closest customer and they are our closest supplier. We are natural allies," he says.

He foresees the collapse of the Soviet market for Finnish exporters, forcing business to turn its back on the Soviet Union, if only temporarily. The Finns are well aware of having a market next door of more than 300 million people.

The Nordic countries' ever-mounting concern about the environment has also focused attention on the high sulphur content in Soviet crude. Strict air pollution controls favour cleaner North Sea oil.

More immediately, Mr Ihamuotila is looking for the benefits of having his main market of 14 million people in Finland and Sweden widened to about 20 million as the Baltic states and the heavily-populated Petersburg region come within its orbit.

Neste has the only modern coastal refineries in the Baltic, located in southern Finland, and specialises in cold weather products. Its bitumen is already being used to improve the Baltic states' roads.

The company has set up a 55 per cent owned joint venture in Estonia to build a £30 million oil terminal at Tallinn. Neste has also set up filling stations in the Baltic states and Petersburg region, supplying high grades from Finland and lower grades from Soviet refineries.

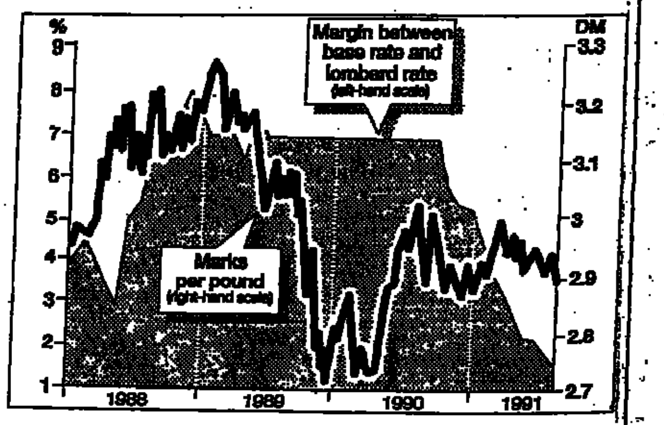
The masterplan at Neste is to expand geographically but narrow the field of its activities to concentrate on its core hydrocarbons business — hence the recent disposal of its battery interests. The company is now waiting for market conditions and Mr Lilley to allow it to carry the policy forward.

Colin Narbrough

GILT-EDGED

With no poll, bonds may catch a cold this winter

The gilt market is in for a difficult winter. This is despite the favourable international environment for bonds, where yields will be falling sharply in America and Japan. Europe's high real yields also look attractive, particularly ahead of monetary union. Gilts, however, have to face political and economic uncertainty.



Without a November election there is a risk of a sterling crisis this winter. The prime minister may delay calling an election until 1992 because he believes that the government's re-election chances will be higher then. However, the financial markets will interpret any failure to call an election this year as indicating that the government does not think it can win.

Although the opposition parties are committed to sterling stability, the gilt market is likely to factor in a sizeable political risk premium, anticipating higher short-term and long-term rates as the foreign exchange market would be expected to test any new government's exchange rate credibility.

Sterling's vulnerability is highlighted by the narrow interest rate differential between UK base rates and the German lombard rate. This spread has fallen from 7 percentage points last October to its present 1.25 points, and it could narrow to half a point in coming months.

Despite this narrowing spread, sterling has remained stable. One reason for this has been the uncertainty in Germany over the past year. Also, sterling's dependence on flows of "hot money" has fallen significantly this year. This is the result of a large, but temporary, reduction in the basic deficit of the UK's balance of payments. A significant reduction in the current account deficit and actual inflows of portfolio and direct investment have reduced the deficit on the basic balance from £29.2 billion in 1990 to only £965 million in the first half of this year. Despite this, there is still a sufficient stock of hot money in the UK which, alongside portfolio investment, could soon be switched from sterling.

The economic environment could also pose problems for gilts. The outlook for the public sector's deficit is likely to be worse than the market expects, signalling large scale gilt issuance.

The movement of the public sector into a large deficit reflects the impact of the recession in reducing revenue growth and boosting government spending, as fiscal stabilisers such as unemployment benefits come into effect. With the economy set to grow at below its trend rate for some time, in an effort to contain inflation and trade problems, the upward pressure on the PSBR will be considerable. We expect a PSBR of £23 billion in 1992-3.

Judging from reaction to last week's £1.5 billion gilt auction, such issuance might not be easily placed, particularly as the market appears too optimistic about inflation prospects. The economy will probably have to be squeezed further if the recent reductions in headline and underlying inflation are to be sustained.

It is too early to suggest that people or companies in the United Kingdom have reduced their inflationary expectations on account of ERM entry. Although the reduction in inflation since last October has coincided with ERM membership, it is likely that the recession would have forced inflation down anyway — ERM or not. What we have seen over the past year is a recession suppressing inflation. Ironically, the loss in capacity from this recession could actually add to inflationary pressures as recovery could mean that supply bottlenecks will soon be reached. Furthermore, recovery is likely to see companies attempt to boost their profit margins.

Cyclical factors will ensure that the favourable inflation trend is sustained into the first half of next year. Productivity will improve as labour shedding continues after output has stopped falling. However, once the labour shedding process runs out of steam, it is difficult to see where the improvement in productivity is going to come from — particularly in an environment where investment is falling.

This means that wage pressures will feed through directly into underlying inflation. So far there has been a significant reduction in earnings growth as both wage drift (bonuses and overtime) and settlements have fallen.

I feel that it will not be until next year, when retail price inflation is creeping up and the labour market is tighter, that we will see that wage settlements have not yet adjusted to ERM entry. This could force interest rates higher next year, regardless of who wins the election.

Gerard Lyons
DKB International

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SMALLER COMPANIES

Loss hits direct marketing company

COLORGRAPHIC plunged £307,000 into the red in the first half of this year and had to pass an interim dividend for the first time since the company was floated.

Since the direct marketing company announced its grim news earlier this month, however, its shares have risen by 31 per cent to 84p. They are still well below the 1987 flotation price of 125p but have recovered from a 12-month low of 60p and are now attracting the attention of bargain hunters.

Jeremy Allen, the smaller-company analyst at Kleinwort Benson, is suggesting investors should buy Colorgraphic as a recovery stock. "While interim results were as grim as expected and a full-year loss is inevitable, we believe the group is well positioned to recover strongly in 1992."

Those are words of comfort for chief executive Nick Winks, who has had a torrid time during the current recession. Ironically, Colorgraphic became a victim of what was once its main selling point — the measurability of direct marketing.

Unlike advertising, there can be little doubt whether a direct marketing campaign is working or not. Once companies discovered that their mailshots were producing lower response rates, future campaigns were cancelled.

Mr Winks acted swiftly to trim costs, reducing the workforce by 20 per cent at a cost of £150,000. Kleinwort's Mr Allen believes the company can now break even on sales of £47.6 million, compared with £51.5 million a year ago, and estimates that margins could reach 45 per cent on additional business.

Mr Allen expects a full-year loss of £900,000 before tax, compared with profits of £2 million in 1990, although he expects a final dividend of 1p. In the following year, he anticipates a recovery to profits of around £1.5 million.

Martin Barrow

Piecework survives despite slide

By Our Industrial Editor

TRADITIONAL piecework systems — paying people for each item produced — are still widespread but are declining, according to a new government-sponsored study of incentive payments at work.

The study, backed by the government's tripartite National Economic Development Office and the Institute of Personnel Management, shows that, while the importance of piecework, or payment-by-results (PBR) has not declined much since the Seventies, only 3 per cent of companies questioned had introduced PBR systems in the last five years.

The NEDC/IPM research, to be presented fully at the IPM's annual conference in Harrogate next month, shows sharp differences between the public and private sectors over PBR.

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4	Sirdar	Textiles	
5	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
6	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
7	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stores	
8	Warburg SG	Banks,Discount	
9	Ransomes	Industrials L-R	
10	UK Land	Property	
11	Anglia TV 'A'	Leisure	
12	Admiral	Electricals	
13	Boots	Industrials A-D	
14	Savills	Property	
15	Yorkshire TV	Leisure	
16	Scot & New	Breweries	
17	BTR	Industrials A-D	
18	Portsmouth Sund	Newspapers,Pub	
19	P & O Dfd	Transport	
20	BSS Group	Industrials A-D	
21	Appleyard	Motors,Aircraft	
22	Bilton (P)	Property	
23	Cornwell Parker 'A'	Industrials A-D	
24	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
25	British Gas	Oil,Gas	
26	Pittard Garnar	Shoes,Leather	
27	Bowater	Industrials A-D	
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29	Highland Distl	Breweries	
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31	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
32	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
33	Rea Bros	Banks,Discount	
34	BAA	Transport	
35	Tomkins	Industrials S-Z	
36	Mowlem (John)	Building,Roads	
37	Cap & Counties	Property	
38	Barratt Devs	Building,Roads	
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19.7m	King & Shaxson	125	..	13.7	11.9	..
447.1m	Kleinwort Benson	345	●+1	21.3	8.2	..
4,970.0m	Lloyds	308	●+8	20.9	8.3	16.0
30.6m	Lon Scot Bk	51	-1	3.7	7.3	9.4
1,981.1m	Midland	250	●-2	2.8	1.1	..
4,001.0m	Nat Aust Bk	328	-3	..	..	..
5,899.0m	Nat West	352	●+11	23.3	8.6	28.8
251.0m	Provident	482	●+9	32.0	6.6	10.5
16.6m	Rea Bros	40	●+5	0.7	1.8	..
1,373.1m	Ryl Bk Scot	178	-8	11.2	8.3	8.4
478.1m	Schroders	948	+35	20.0	2.7	18.9
885.8m	Stan Chart	370	●+16	14.9	4.0	20.3
2,182.0m	TSB	145	●-2	8.5	5.9	11.9
48.4m	Union Disc	255	-8	46.7	18.3	9.9
1,087.9m	Warburg SG	547	+7	21.3	3.9	13.6
65.2m	Do 6% 'A'	185	●+2	8.0	4.3	..
2,219.7m	Wells Fargo	242⅞	+½	..	..	..
2,476.0m	Westpac	207	-8	..	..	..
23.9m	Wintrust	280	● ..	12.4	4.4	19.4

BREWERIES

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5,568.3m	Allied-Lyons	539	-8	25.1	3.9	24.1
4,314.4m	Bass	£10	+⅛	44.4	4.4	10.4
168.7m	Boddington	163	+3	8.3	5.1	12.5
137.8m	Bulmer (H P)	263	..	11.1	4.2	18.4
22.7m	Burtonwood Brew	109	-1	5.7	5.2	16.8
105.3m	Devenish (JA)	209	+4	7.3	3.5	15.4
—	Fosters Brewing Gp	78	-5	..	..	..
8,104.4m	Grand Met	812	●-10	28.3	3.5	14.7
440.6m	Greenall	368	-3	13.9	3.8	14.2
205.6m	Greene King	487	-1	14.4	3.0	15.8
9,935.0m	Guinness	£10⅛	-⅛	25.9	2.5	18.0
44.8m	Hardys & Hansons	£11⅛	..	47.6	4.2	13.7
398.0m	Highland Distl	295	+7	6.6	2.2	22.4
328.1m	Invergordon Distl	254	●-3	7.3	2.9	20.9
76.3m	Mansfield	485	+3	16.1	3.3	13.4
205.2m	Marston Thompson	233	+4	6.0	2.6	18.7
38.8m	Matthew Clark	427	●+3	18.7	4.4	18.2
69.8m	Morland	330	+2	8.9	2.7	16.7
2,701.4m	SA Breweries	£10	-⅛	..	..	..
1,650.6m	Scot & New	415	+8	20.0	4.8	12.2
303.1m	Vaux Grp	221	+2	11.8	5.3	11.4
2,047.8m	Whitbread 'A'	475	-11	21.7	4.6	11.9
221.4m	Do 'B'	£13⅛	..	21.7	1.6	38.5
382.8m	Wolvrhmptn & D	584	+2	12.9	2.3	18.5
13.7m	Young 'A'	473	..	17.3	3.7	17.5

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
30.9m	Abbey	80	+5	..	..	..
443.4m	Amec	221	+5	13.7	6.2	11.3
11.8m	Anglia Sec	35	..	..	..	..
—	Arncliffe	..	..	8.0f	..	..
369.4m	Atwoods	191	-10	6.5	3.4	18.6
869.8m	BPB Ind	179	-8	15.0	8.4	25.8
38.8m	Baggeridge Brick	98	+3	4.2	4.3	11.5
2,926,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	28	+1	1.5	5.4	2.9
97.3m	Barratt Devs	84	+5	4.3	8.0	..
332.9m	Beazer PLC	117	●-1	5.3	4.5	11.7
91.5m	Bellway	245	..	14.7	6.0	13.9
—	Bellwinch	..	..	..	..	..
206.1m	Berkeley Gp	338	-4	6.0	1.8	..
16.2m	Bett Bros	108	..	5.6	5.2	8.2
28.3m	Blockleys	107	-1	8.4	6.0	12.5
1,457.0m	Blue Circle	260	●+1	15.0	5.8	11.5
30.6m	Boot (Henry)	605	..	38.9	6.5	10.9
28.7m	Breedon PLC	101	..	6.1	6.0	10.4
24.1m	Br Dredging	137	●-8	9.9	7.2	10.6
277.9m	Bryant	107	-1	6.4	6.0	31.5
24.7m	CALA	70	..	4.5	6.4	..
654.4m	CRH	230	●-5	..	..	..

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
135.5m	Cambridge Elec	211	●+7	14.5	6.9	13.8
32.1m	Chloride	13½	..	..	..	32.1
19.4m	Computer People	140	+10	8.3	5.9	8.5
71.3m	Cray Elect	67	..	..	..	31.8
654.9m	Delta	445	●+5	18.7	4.2	12.6
90.2m	Domino	395	+24	8.3	2.1	17.2
68.3m	Dowding & Mills	66	+2	3.2	4.8	18.1
4,219,000	EMC	79	●+2	1.4	1.8	..
566.7m	Electrocomponents	275	-6	8.8	3.2	15.6
19.8m	Elec Data Process	228	+5	5.3	2.3	14.4
10.4m	Electron House	41	●+2	3.0b	7.3	43.6
31.6m	Emess	30	..	2.3	7.7	..
119.2m	Eurotherm	275	● ..	9.4	3.4	14.8
328.8m	FKI	74½	-1½	4.4	5.9	12.1
315.2m	Farnell Elect	240	-2	7.3	3.0	14.6
84.2m	Ferranti	9	-½	..	..	..
6,935,000	First Tech	45	..	1.3	2.9	..
7,850,000	Forward Tech	22½	..	..	..	..
5,269.0m	GEC	195	●+4	12.3	6.3	10.4
119.3m	Harland Simon	578	●+53	10.5	1.8	18.8
302.4m	Hoskyns Gp	390	..	3.2	0.8	28.8
30.8m	Jones Stroud	175	●+5	10.7	6.1	10.6
7,705,000	Kembrey	27	..	0.5	1.9	10.5
6,646,000	Kode	118	-2	4.0	3.4	21.9
15.8m	Lec Refrigeration	259	● ..	19.3	7.5	29.7
147.0m	Leics	70	..	0.4	0.6	..
236.8m	Life Sciences	151	●+3	4.1	2.7	21.1
139.9m	Logica	228	+3	4.7	2.1	..
83.3m	Macro 4	375	●+10	14.7	3.9	16.3
102.2m	Microfilm Repro	187	-1	4.3	2.3	20.4
255.9m	Micro Focus	£18⅞	-1	..	..	28.8
71.3m	Microgen	183	+13	9.3	5.1	18.7
42.9m	Millcom	22⅞	..	..	..	..
84.9m	Misys	190	●-6	7.8	4.0	14.0
39.5m	Mitel	50	-1	..	..	..
473.1m	Molex	£15⅞	● ..	..	..	..
13.4m	Molynx	115	● ..	5.1	4.4	9.5
13.3m	Multitone Elect	88	-1	2.7	3.0	15.9
3,022,000	Murray Enter	48	..	..	..	..
8,952.8m	NYNEX	544½	●+½	..	..	..
1,987,000	Newmark (Louis)	87	..	..	..	..
6,421,000	Northamber	47	● ..	3.3	7.0	..
13.7m	Oceonics	12	+½	..	..	30.0
110.5m	Oxford Instruments	229	●-2	5.5	2.4	12.7
38.8m	P-E International	175	● ..	8.3	4.7	9.7
67.2m	P & P	121	●+22	5.8	4.8	8.4
73.1m	Peek	65	-3	4.5	6.9	9.6
10.2m	Philips Fin 5¼%	280	..	575	7.2	..
3,112.9m	Philips Lamps N/V	£11	+⅛	..	..	..
15.1m	Pilco	327	● ..	10.3	3.1	10.2
10.3m	Do 'A' Ltd Voting	300	● ..	10.3	3.4	9.3
25.7m	Pressac	105	-1	3.2	3.0	11.5
34.2m	Quotient	250	..	2.7	1.1	95.4
0,809.0m	Racal Elec	58	●+1½	5.0	8.6	32.0
121.1m	SD-Scicon	60	● ..	1.3	2.2	..
53.2m	Sage Gp	267	+4	9.8	3.7	14.3
15.5m	Scantronic	45	..	4.0	8.9	15.8
46.8m	Scholes Grp	121	+2	6.7	5.5	14.2
240.0m	Sema Gp	284	+5	3.5	1.8	22.6
1,830,000	Sintrom	18	..	0.4	2.2	..
24.9m	Telemetrix	29	-1½	0.8	2.8	13.2
2,507.4m	THORN EMI	795	●-20	40.7	5.1	13.3
25.9m	Tunstall	163	..	6.9	4.2	8.0
179.7m	Unitech	283	●+1	15.6	5.5	22.9
22.7m	Utd Scientific	41	●+½	2.7	6.6	..
3,785.0m	Vodafone	378	+5	7.0	1.9	22.4
44.8m	Volex	289	●-3	22.7	7.9	15.4
2,790,000	Western Selection	18	+3	1.3	7.2	..
49.5m	Wholesale Fittings	348	●-7	22.2	6.4	17.7

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,187,000	Caspen Oil	11½	..	..	..	..
311.4m	Clyde Pet	97	+3	1.7	1.8	29.7
2,328.2m	Enterprise	510	●-3	20.7	4.1	13.3

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
619.8m	Tiphook	587	..	12.9	2.6	22.5
410.0m	Transport Dev	281	●+35	18.4	3.2	6.7
5,575,000	Turnbull Scott	90	●+2	12.7	4.5	17.8

WATER

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,108.0m	Anglian Water	376	●-8	23.3	6.2	8.2
256.9m	Northumbrian	384	●-2	24.8	6.5	5.7
1,305.9m	North West	367	●-7	24.0	6.5	3.8
1,164.0m	Severn Trent	329	●-17	23.4	7.1	6.1
646.5m	Sthn Water	334	●-11	23.6	7.1	6.2
429.0m	South West	351	●-8	28.7	7.6	5.3
1,413.9m	Thames Water	308	●-14	28.3	6.9	7.9
527.3m	Welsh Water	385	●-21	28.0	7.1	4.5
428.6m	Wessex Water	417	● ..	23.6	5.7	7.0
764.8m	Yorkshire Water	398	●-13	23.8	5.9	7.6

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Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1343m	Treas 8% 1991	99⅛	..	8.0	..
1550m	Exch 11% 1991	100	●-⅛	11.0	..
2194m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99⅞	..	11.8	..
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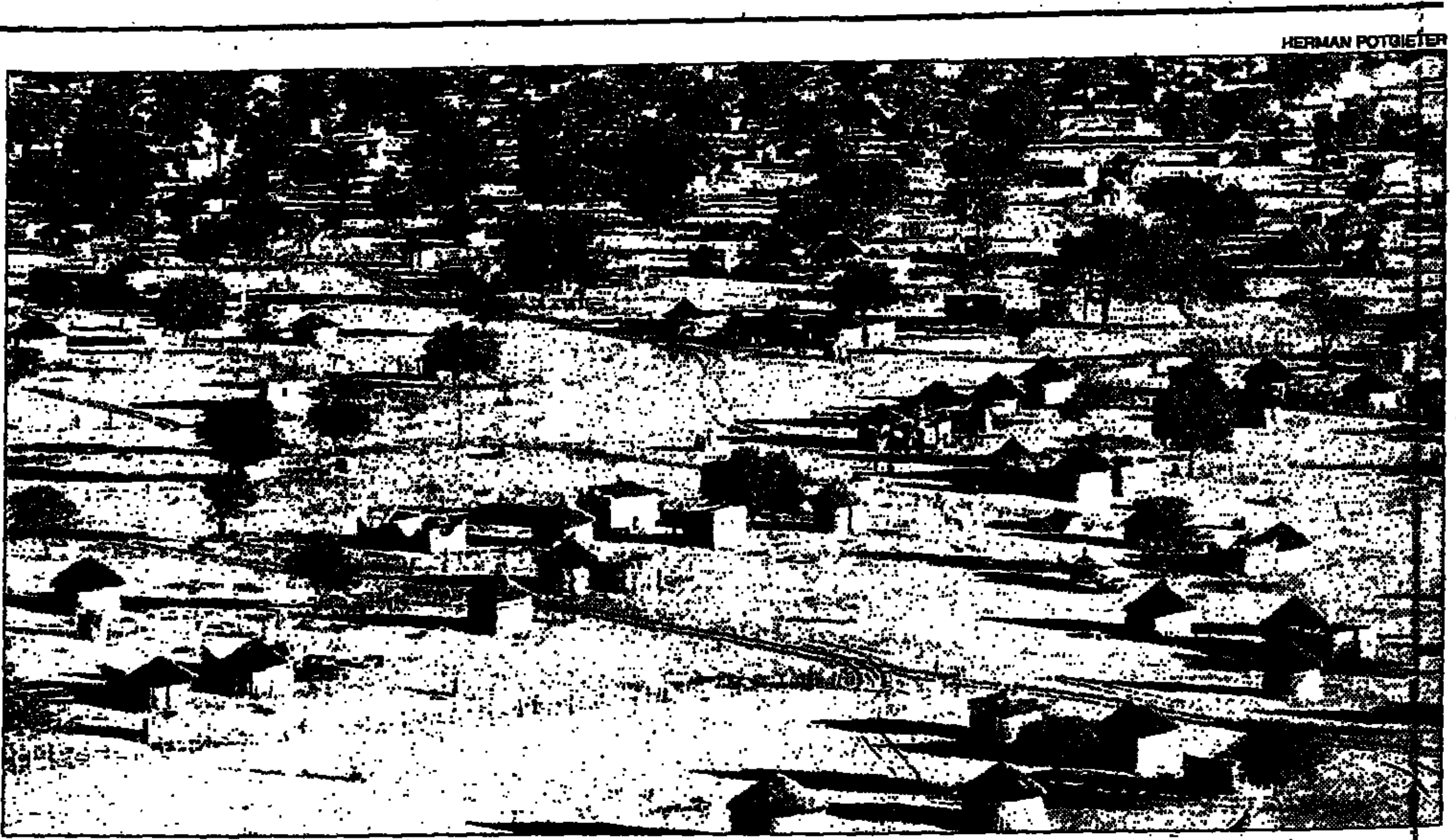
After the boom Botswana gets down to business

As it celebrates 25 years of independence, Stephen Taylor examines the remarkable achievements of a country now at a crossroads and facing up to the problems of its own success

HERMAN POTGIETER



Traditional patterns of life: Maun, on the edge of the Okavango delta, is a *favourite destination of tourists* who come to see the wildlife

Botswana celebrates the silver jubilee of its independence today with deserved satisfaction tempered by a sobering reality. The first 25 years have been blessed with stability, fortune and achievements greater than anybody could have expected in 1966 from one of the world's poorest countries. Now comes the difficult part — *maintaining it.*

Indices of performance in this vast but thinly populated southern African nation can scarcely fail to impress. Botswana has proved the most durable democracy in Africa, with an unbroken record of multiparty parliamentary rule since independence. A tradition of tolerance has made it a beacon for victims of white and black oppression, while in the past decade economic growth, averaging 11 per cent, has been the world's fastest, according to the World Bank. Moreover, the government's husbanding of resources has been prudent to the point of stinginess.

One could point out that democratic rule has never been really tested by a strong opposition, and that the economic boom was due to a diamond windfall. It is still remarkable, however, that in a country that had a handful of graduates and less than 15 miles of tarred road at independence there is so little sign of complacency over what has been achieved.

Charles Tibone, a senior civil servant, says: "So far we have had success thrust on us. That is no longer going to be the case. We are at a crossroads. Growth has lost its momentum. There are formidable obstacles to a new phase."

The future of the region will be shaped by the changes in South Africa, from which Botswana has little to gain and much to lose. A stable South Africa would be more attractive to the foreign investment Botswana wants to generate, while an unstable South Africa would be disastrous for its landlocked and import-dependent neighbour. The bulk of investment in Botswana has come from South Africa, which is also the source of more than 80 per cent of its imports.

Louis Nchindo, the chief executive of Debswana, the diamond corporation equally owned by the government and De Beers Consolidated Mines, which is responsible for about 80 per cent of foreign exchange earnings, fears that South Africa's future rulers may reverse the regional trend towards economic liberalisation. Trade, employment and investment in particular stand to suffer.

"We do not know that a new government there will take as kind a view of capital outflow as did the old, especially as they will have development priorities of their own," Mr Nchindo says.

What makes the investment issue so pressing is that Botswana is staking its future on attracting industrial investors. Officials are aware of the vulnerability of single-resource economies. Their first aim is jobs, but the goal is more ambitious: moderate growth based on manufacturing.

BOTSWANA PROFILE

Population: 1.347 million (est).
Area: 582,000 sq km.
Capital: Gaborone.
Population growth rate: 3.43 per cent.
Real GDP growth: 6.7 per cent (1990).
Formal sector employment: 175,700.
Inflation: 12 per cent (1990).
Currency: £1 = Pula 3.54.
GDP per capita: £1,280.
Foreign reserves: $US3,174m.
(Source: *Barclays Botswana Economic Review*)

The phenomenal boom of the past decade has created its own problems. The 1.34 million population is increasing at 3.5 per cent a year, fast even in African terms. Young people with few skills are flocking to towns in search of jobs, and 20 per cent of the population is now urban. Unemployment in Gaborone, the capital, is estimated at more than 30 per cent. Not surprisingly, the crime rate is rising fast. So is Aids.

Monitoring of Aids is hampered by the rural sprawl, and the 86 known deaths and 228 other identified cases cannot reflect the extent of the problem. Dr Matshidiso Moeti, the head of the Aids unit in Gaborone, estimates that on the basis of sample screenings Botswana has 20,000 to 40,000 HIV positive cases.

In addition, another plague of African societies has also appeared. Botswana had been virtually free of corruption, but a private sector conference earlier this month highlighted concern that the civil service has been affected.

Mr Nchindo says: "The government has not recognised this yet. But we have got it, and we must root it out quickly."

When Britain handed independence to the Bechuanaland Protectorate on September 30, 1966, the new state was among the three poorest in the world. This was no rural idyll. An impoverished tribal people, dependent on livestock, occupied a brutally barren land the size of France and Belgium. The country was the most thinly populated after Mongolia and neighbouring Namibia. The discovery of diamonds was still a year away.

Pragmatism, then as now, was the guiding principle of the new government. "Our history taught us how to survive in a hostile environment," says Geoffrey Garebamono, the secretary for external affairs. The lesson was to be important through the 1970s and 1980s as wars raged over the borders with Rhodesia and South West Africa, and South Africa launched incursions aimed at supposed ANC bases.

Through it all Botswana retained its cool, along with a regard for human rights. It was not just refugees from apartheid who were granted sanctuary by Gaborone, but victims of army massacres in Zimbabwe, too.

The lessons of the past also helped to nurture democracy, first under the post-independence leadership of Sir Seretse Khama, the nation's venerated father figure who died in 1980, and his successor, Quett Masire. "People here have always been able to speak their minds," says Lebang Mpotokwane, formerly a senior official in the president's office. "We have a tradition of frankness in tribal councils."

Botswana is a genuine democracy. However, although opposition parties won an overall one-third share of the vote at the last election in 1989, they have failed to devise a common platform from which to challenge the ruling Botswana Democratic Party.

Under the first-past-the-post system, the opposition holds three of the 34 elected parliamentary seats, a further four being nominated by the government. Botswana will not get another chance to improve on that until 1994, and although the urban population drift favours the left-of-centre Botswana National Front, the BDF's hold on power looks secure.

DAVID REED

Gaborone: unemployment is estimated at more than 30 per cent

As the Batswana readily agree, they have been lucky. The big break came in 1967 with the discovery of diamonds. Four years later the first mine, Orapa, was in production, laying a base for a boom during which the government has marshalled its resources so cautiously that foreign exchange reserves exceed P6.5 billion (£2 billion), almost 24 months of import cover. The benefits to the population are seen in vastly improved figures on life expectancy, infant mortality and employment levels. Schooling and health care are free. Even so, some critics accuse the government of spreading the wealth too thinly in its determination to avoid creating a handout society. There is no old age or disability pension. While urban wage-earners are prosperous, life in a rural community is tough.

Against this record of economic prudence, one apparent exception is all the more striking. Earlier this year the government signed a £100 million contract with a French company for the construction of a military air base. No public explanation has been offered for the plan, which fits a trend for increased defence spending.

Although a case might have been advanced that such spending was necessary in the past, it makes little sense when regional tensions have eased immeasurably. The plan, which comes directly under the president's office, has attracted criticism in parliament, the press, and even from the civil service and the Bank of Botswana.

The drive to make manufacturing "the new engine of growth" sets the agenda for the next decade and will determine whether the fruits of independence can be more widely spread among a new generation of Batswana. Half of the population is under the age of 15, and although they have grown up in a boom generation about 70 per cent live close to poverty.

Mr Mpotokwane says: "The first 25 years have been good to us. But we should never forget the majority of people living in the rural areas. We need to do more. There is a long way to go."

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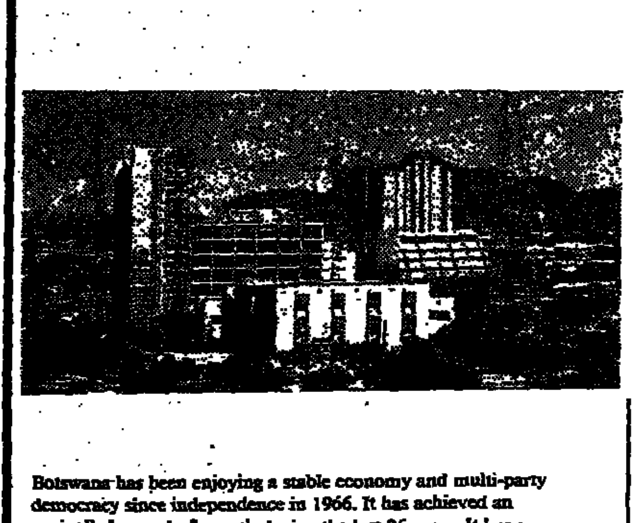

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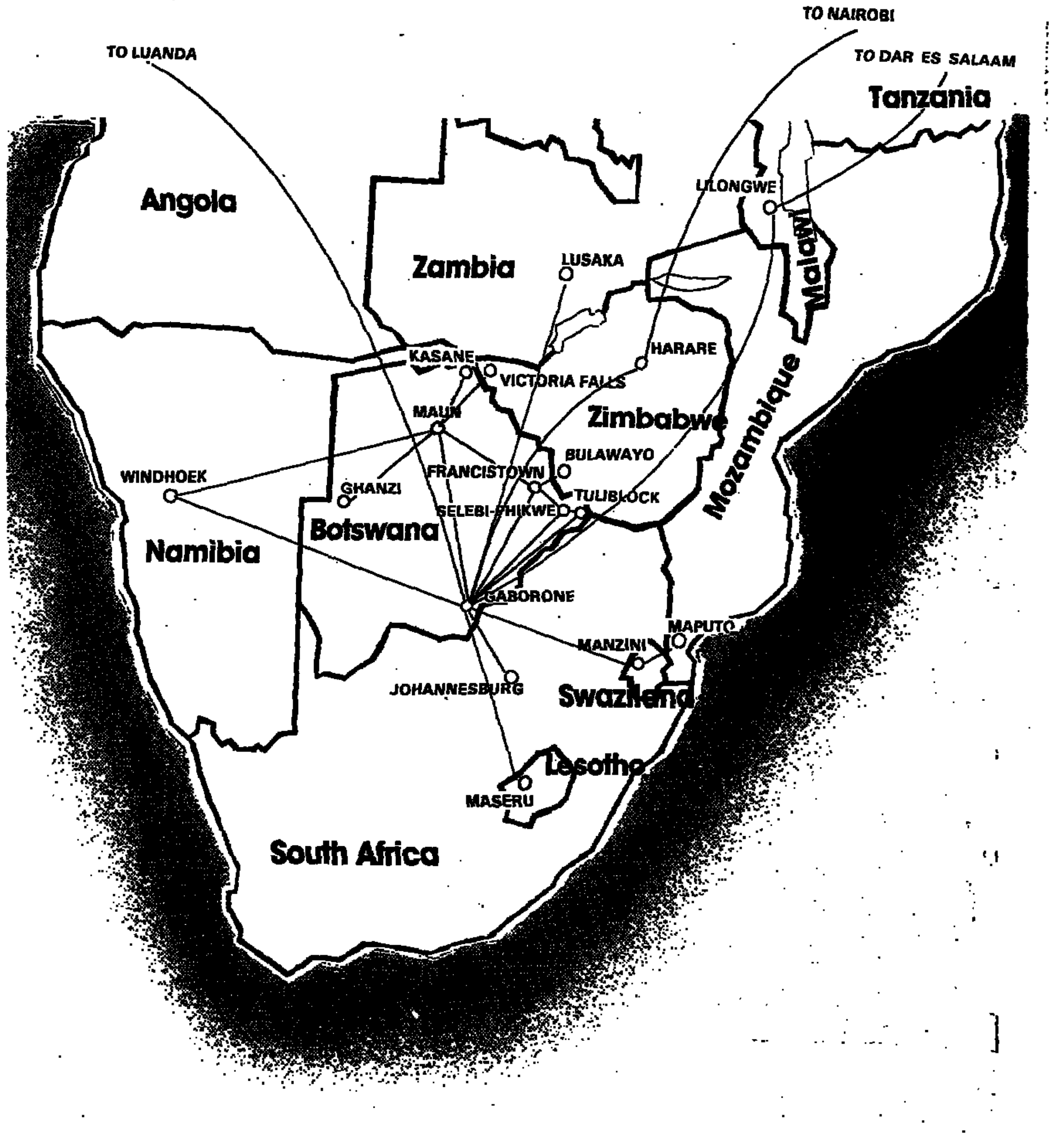

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New skills needed to recharge the batteries

The small population is landlocked and untrained. A growth in exports seems to offer the best way forward

Botswana's resource-*based economic* broth of minerals, beef and tourism has sustained its consumers well during the past 25 years. Annual gross domestic product per capita (gdp) has increased from £14 to £1,340, and Botswana has gone from being a "low income" to a "middle income" country in World Bank terms.

The nutritional content of the recipe is diminishing, however. The boom ended last year as diamond earnings, vulnerable to recession, fell and gdp growth slowed to under 6 per cent, about half of the average for the 1980s. Agriculture is in decline. Inflation is about 11 per cent. A budget deficit is projected for the first time since 1982.

The diamond industry gave Botswana the boost it so desperately needed after independence, and still accounts for 80 per cent of export earnings – which amounted to P3,262 million ($1,741 million) – and almost 50 per cent of government revenue. Minerals will remain vital in the transitional 1991-7 period identified by the government's National Development Plan 7, and may yet recharge the economy, particularly if exploration of the Kalahari Desert finds oil.

The private and public sectors now seem agreed, however, that the target they both seek, *modest yet sustainable* growth, depends on diversification, and in particular *developing a manufactured*-exports industry.

Formidable obstacles stand in the way, as delegates highlighted at a private sector conference in the northern town of Francistown this month. Botswana is a big country with a small population and a shortage of skills. It is also landlocked, so that transport and communication costs are high. South Africa and Zimbabwe offer more attractive infrastructures for the shrinking slice of international investment capital.

On the positive side, Botswana is the most stable country in the region, the pula the strongest and healthiest currency. The foreign exchange regime is correspondingly liberal, while foreign currency reserves of P3,345 million and accumulated budget surpluses of P3,045 million have created a platform from which it is feasible to launch a manufacturing drive.

Perhaps most remarkably, capitalism has taken root in this most unlikely of soils. At independence, the notion of a Botswana share market would have evoked justifiable mirth. Today it is a reality, with a turnover last year of P9.1 million, about a fifth of it overseas investment.

Prudence and caution are the words that crop up most frequently when financial analysts talk about Botswana's *economic management*. Mark Teversham, the deputy manager of Barclays Bank in Gaborone, says: "The government is rightly concerned about the economy's fragility. It has had a duty not to gamble with the country's future."

John Stoneham, the secretary for finance, says: "We have one revenue source, and we are determined not to go the way of Zambia."

Voices are increasingly being raised, however, in criticism of the "ultra-conservatism" of the ministry of finance and the Bank of Botswana. Prem Shah, of Coopers & Lybrand in Gaborone, says: "There is a reluctance to take decisions, a holding back at crucial times, which has led to lost opportunities."

In a speech to the Francistown conference, Louis Nchindo, the chief executive of the Debswana mining company, attacked the government for ignoring problems and lacking the will to tackle unpopular issues.

The relevance of such criticism to the manufacturing drive is that though businessmen are agreed *that* Botswana's investment climate is agreeable, especially compared *with* other *African* states, they say it needs to be made still more friendly.

Virtually all big investment in recent years has come from South Africa, and has been linked to minerals. Sam Mpuchane, Botswana's former high commissioner in London, and now working in the private sector, says: "The details of how we handle investors need to be improved. There is too much bureaucracy involved in the issuing of industrial licences and residence permits. And there need to be more concessions on the rate of corporate taxation [40 per cent]."

The government shows signs of responding to these pressures. Sinniah Raja*lingam, the director of re*search at the Bank of Botswana, admits: "There are *grounds for complaint.*" Despite some domestic resistance, the Immigration Act is being amended to create ten-year residence permits. Civil servants insist that they understand the need to cut away other regulatory bureaucracy with an effective one-stop agency for new investors.

More important perhaps, a regional development programme in the Selebi-Phikwe zone offers a model of how the manufacturing drive can work. The project was born out of difficulties at Selebi-Phikwe's copper-nickel mine, which appeared some years ago to be facing closure, threatening to put the town's entire wage-earning population out of work.

A package of incentives, including capital grants, tax breaks and wage subsidies, was *introduced for investors* who establish manufacturing operations in Selebi-Phikwe for export *outside* southern Africa.

The first factory, a partnership between *Lonrho* and Belgian and Malaysian companies, started producing textiles this year, and "serious interest" has been expressed by at least three other groups, says Michael O'Flanagan the director of the regional project.

Selebi-Phikwe, he adds, has the potential to follow Mauritius as a leading textile-producer, given Botswana's access to the EC and American markets under the Lomé Convention.

Prudence and caution are the words used when financial analysts discuss Botswana's economic management

GRAEME WILLIAMS

Material gains: the first textile-producing factory *in Botswana, a joint international* venture, came on stream this year

The Bank of Botswana was established, as the nation's central bank, in 1975 following the decision of the Botswana Government to withdraw from the Rand Monetary Area and to introduce a national currency, the Pula. Its functions include the formulation of monetary policies; the provision of advice to the Government on economic policies; the issuance of notes and coins; the management of Botswana's foreign exchange reserves; the administration of exchange controls; and the licensing and supervision of banks and other financial institutions.

This year, as Botswana celebrates the 25th anniversary of its Independence, the Bank of Botswana commemorates its 15th anniversary. It, too, has much to be proud of. And, like the Government, it faces new challenges in the years ahead.

As Botswana's mineral-based economy boomed over the past 15 years, the Bank had to expand and adjust. Diamond exports generated rapidly expanding foreign exchange reserves as well as Government balances. Asset management capabilities had to be developed in the Bank; excess liquidity in the banking system had to be siphoned off to maintain realistic interest rates; and exchange controls could be progressively relaxed. The growth of the dometic banking system necessitated legislative changes and the creation of a strong Bank Supervision Department.

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Stand-alone outlook makes for survival among the powerful

Pragmatism, independence and principle have been the basis for the country's successful foreign policy

For a mild and friendly people, the Batswana have shown a remarkable ability to irk powerful neighbours. However, the fact that both South Africa and Zimbabwe have taken issue during the past decade with Gaborone speaks for a foreign policy that, though founded on pragmatism, has lacked neither independence nor principle.

An independent outlook was nourished by a harsh environment and traditional resistance by Tswana leaders to being swallowed up by their white neighbours, first Cecil Rhodes's British South Africa Company (Rhodesia) in 1895, then South Africa in 1910 and again in 1963.

Geoffrey Garebamono, the secretary for external affairs, says: "We developed a survival mentality. But when we joined the Organisation of African Unity in 1966, some members thought we could not stand on our own, and that we would be used by the South Africans."

Given Botswana's economic dependence on South Africa, that was likely, especially during the 1980s, when Pretoria's intelligence system saw every neighbouring state as a nest of terrorism.

Botswana joined in the criticism of apartheid and gave sanctuary to members of the African National Congress, but refused to allow guerrilla operations to be launched from its soil. Those who attempted were tried in open court and imprisoned. This did not, however, prevent South African forces from launching an incursion in June 1985 in which 12 people died.

Pretoria's acceptance last year that it had to come to peaceful terms with its black population and its neighbours was welcomed by Botswana, as by other regional states.

As well as outright aggression, Gaborone had been put under economic pressure during the 1980s, as when Pretoria tried unsuccessfully to link cooperation in the Sua Pan soda ash plant to the signing of a non-aggression pact. What the peace dividend holds is still not clear. Mozambique, Zambia, Angola and Tanzania all have economic potential, despite their varying stages of economic decay. All gave more support to the African National Congress than Botswana. An ANC government in Pretoria, faced with debts of honour and competing domestic pressures, would have little reason to favour Gaborone.

Strain: President Masire

Louis Nchindo, the chief executive of the Debswana mining company, foresees that a new South African government may find it expedient to abandon the SA Customs Union, which benefits smaller regional states such as Botswana. Scarce foreign investment would then become even harder to find.

Another sensitive issue in Gaborone-Pretoria relations is the three million Setswana-speakers in South Africa, more than double the number in Botswana itself.

A relatively small number — about 16,000 — are Botswana citizens who would be sent home if an ANC government scrapped the migrant labour system. By far the majority, however, live on Botswana's border in the "independent" homeland of Bophuthatswana, whose government bitterly opposes being reintegrated into South Africa and has expressed a wish to be absorbed by Botswana. The issue is a hot potato in Gaborone, where officials insist that there can be no diplomatic ties.

Relations with Zimbabwe have improved after a troubled period. In 1983, the Zimbabwe army was set loose on the civilian population of Matabeleland to curb a virtual state of insurrection. Refugees fled the massacres to Botswana, where they were given sanctuary despite Harare's insistence that they were guerrilla dissidents who should be handed back.

Differences with Harare were smoothed over, but strain has re-emerged in the form of a dispute over a textile trade agreement. Presidents Masire and Mugabe discussed the issue at a summit in March, but the disagreement is unresolved.

Paradoxically, for a government that has associated itself closely with the Western democracies, Gaborone has a warm relationship with a one-time marxist liberation movement. The Swapo government in Namibia, once contemptuous of such pragmatism, has, since independence last year, taken a leaf out of Botswana's book in financial management and dealing with South Africa.

Botswana and Namibia have much in common. They are the second and third most thinly populated countries in the world, composed largely of desert; poor in manpower resources but rich in minerals. What they have lacked is transport connections, but a trans-Kalahari highway is due for completion by 1995.

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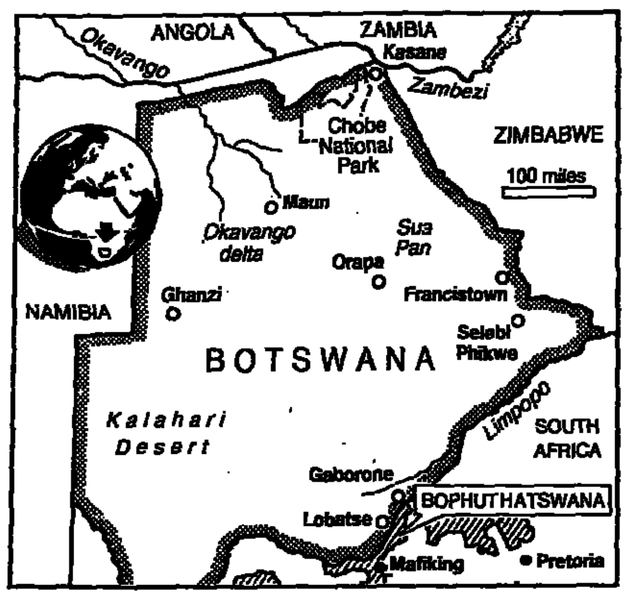


Khama's name wields its magic

Democracy has taken root, but the nation's father still has a following

Pluralist democracy, so vulnerable a plant in African soil, has taken root in Botswana because it suited traditional political models, according to officials in Gaborone.

The Westminster system has been discarded by almost all African states that adopted it, or had it foisted on them, at independence. At present, it is making something of a comeback under restive populations and Western economic pressure. Presidents Kaunda of Zambia and Mobutu of Zaire are responding in varying degrees to reformist demands. President Mugabe says he has abandoned his intention to make Zimbabwe a one-party state. In Angola and Mozambique, formerly marxist administrations have said they are ready to submit to multi-party elections.

Only in Botswana, however, has the democratic system survived untroubled since independence. The last election, in 1989, was contested by six opposition parties, which received a combined 30 per cent of the vote.

Botswana is a relatively homogeneous society, in which big clans such as the Bamangwato and Bakwena form the basis of the Setswana-speaking majority that comprises perhaps 80 per cent of the population.

Among the greatest of their leaders was the Bamangwato chief, Khama III, a Christian convert who saw his survival in a region surrounded by powerful foes as depending on British protection. In 1895, Khama, with two chiefs, came to London to petition Queen Victoria not to hand their lands over to Cecil Rhodes's voracious chartered British South Africa Company.

The petition succeeded, and Bechuanaland was declared a protectorate. Geoffrey Garebamono, the secretary for external affairs, says: "Unlike the colonies, we were not taken over against our will. This was important to the way British models were seen."

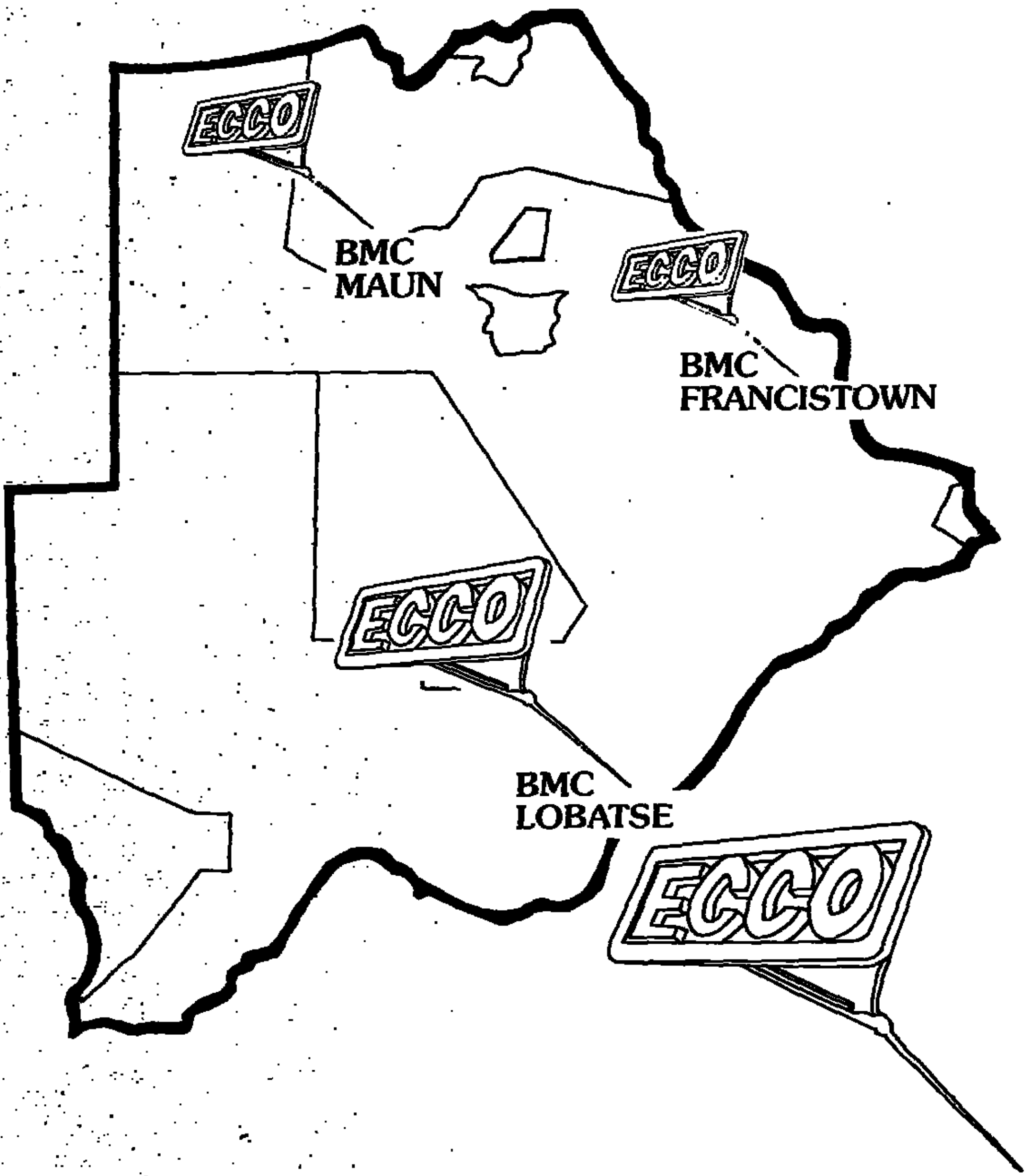
Sixty-seven years later, Khama III's grandson, Sir Seretse Khama, became Botswana's first president, his Botswana Democratic Party forming the first government after an election landslide. It has since ruled without interruption, Quett Masire succeeding after Sir Seretse died in 1980.

The main opposition comes from the Botswana National Front, a broadly left-of-centre grouping, which has attacked the government for not doing more to benefit Botswana's poor. The BNF holds both the parliamentary seats for Gaborone and stands to benefit from a recent population census, which should lead to the creation of some new urban seats.

Diplomatic analysts believe, however, that the party's performance has been unfocused, and its attempts to forge alliances with other opposition groups — such as negotiations with the Botswana People's Party — have so far come to nothing.

The ruling party, on the other hand, whatever its shortcomings, profits by the association with the late Sir Seretse, which remains a name to conjure with, and the benefits brought by the boom years of the 1980s. The next election is due in 1994.

No strong candidate to succeed President Masire has emerged, partly because he has proved an able ruler and is still in his mid sixties. In the long term, Lieutenant-General Ian Khama, the commander of the Botswana Defence Force and son of Sir Seretse, may emerge as a possible leader of the BDP if he can harness political ability to the magic of his name.



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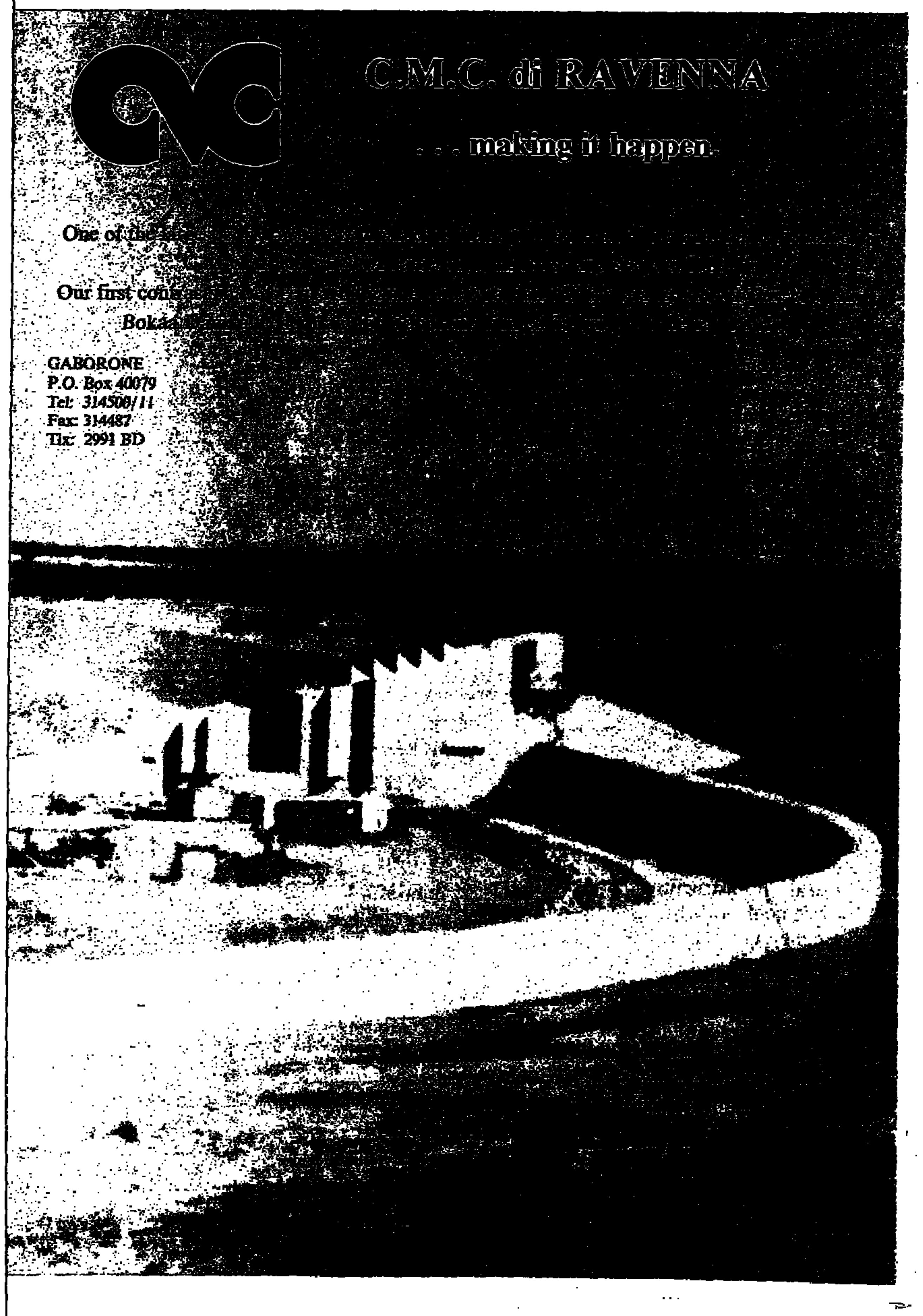

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Hard facts in a dry climate

Rain is the most vital need for a nation that is hard-pressed to meet its EC quota

Over-eaten economy: the doubling of Botswana's cattle population has degraded the land

Across the country at the start of the rainy season, the native Batswana are scanning the skies anxiously for tell-tale cloud formations.

"Rainy season" is a relative term in Botswana. Rainfall is scanty and erratic at the best of times; for seven years from 1981 the country was laid waste by drought. Pessimists fear the cycle may be about to repeat itself.

Small wonder that water is a national obsession. The pula, the national currency, means rain in Setswana. "Water", says Blackie Marole, the deputy secretary for mineral and water resources, "is more scarce than diamonds."

It is a tough environment in which population and livestock are competing with other interests, notably wildlife. During the past two decades, the cattle population has more than doubled.

This growth, coupled with the impact of drought, has seriously degraded the range. As a result, government livestock and water-management policies have come under fire from conservationists, and led in the past year to a controversial Greenpeace campaign and a recent fact-finding visit by European parliamentarians.

A 19,000-tonne European Community quota for Botswana beef is the linchpin of the agriculture industry. The free-range quality is said to be popular with buyers, but Botswana has not yet met the quota. This is mainly because of the last drought, which reduced the national herd from three million to 2.3 million. Martin Mannothoko, the secretary for agriculture, says the herd is now almost back to its former size, and that the quota may be met next year.

At independence, agriculture contributed 40 per cent to the gross domestic product. That has been reduced to about 4 per cent and most analysts believe that the sector is more likely to contract than expand. On the other hand, the Botswana Meat Commission, with revenue in 1989 of a record P171 million, is the country's largest manufacturing enterprise.

However, agriculture, in particular the livestock industry, remains real basis of wealth and status. More than three-quarters of the population live in the rural areas and depend on agriculture for employment as well as food.

Cattle is therefore the single most important provider. The rural Batswana regard a cow as a cash asset. More than 60,000 people own livestock, and few are commercial operators. About 80 per cent of the national herd is owned by traditional farmers, about half of whom have less than 20 head.

Traditional producers tend to be conservative, however. A government strategy paper recently acknowledged that agriculture had performed poorly since independence, failed to generate new jobs and done little to reduce dependence on food imports.

Concern about land degradation is a key feature of the report, mainly because of the strains imposed by the cattle. The decline has been aggravated by the tripling in the past decade of Botswana's goat population.

Attractive as they are — principally because of their resilience to drought — these busy grazers have a big impact on the range. As a result of degradation, the government is to allow traditional farmers for the first time to fence their land, as individuals or groups, to guard against intrusion and improve management.

The commercial sector is almost entirely given over to cattle, but communal farmers divide their energies between livestock and crops — chiefly sorghum, which comprises 70 per cent of the area cultivated, and maize — to spread the risk.

Maize meal is the staple diet of southern Africa, but Botswana's climate is unsuitable for cultivation and local production accounts for only a quarter of consumption. The vast bulk of all other grains, cereals, vegetables and fruit consumed have to be imported, chiefly from South Africa.

In the past five years, the government has introduced programmes to raise production of sorghum and maize to self-sufficiency levels. As the new policy document makes clear, however, the cost of producing the cereals turned out to be twice that of importing them and the government admitted defeat.

Prospects for horticulture, a fast-growing industry in neighbouring Zimbabwe, are limited by water availabilty and storage facilities, although some experts have been pressing for years for the potential along rivers such as the Okavango and Chobe to be exploited.

Earth's treasures give the economy a shine

Diamonds enrich the treasury. The country also has extensive reserves of coal waiting to be mined

Diamonds are a developing nation's greatest asset. At independence, Botswana was known to contain small quantities of copper, gold and asbestos, but there was little hard evidence to suggest a treasure trove beneath the Kalahari sands. Then in 1967 diamond-bearing lodes were uncovered by De Beers Consolidated Mines, part of the Anglo American Corporation, leading to the discovery of what the former director of Anglo American, Harry Oppenheimer, described as the most important diamond find since Kimberley.

Rough diamond: important finds are being made

Other minerals have helped, too. The copper-nickel mine at Selebi-Phikwe, owned partly by Anglo American and opened in 1974, is Botswana's largest private employer. The biggest investment in Botswana yet, the P1,000 million soda ash extraction plant at Sua Pan, was opened in June within budget. Vast coal resources have been barely tapped. However, diamonds are what keep the economy riding high.

Debswana, an equal partnership between De Beers and the government, controls three open-pit mines, Orapa, Letlhakane, and Jwaneng. The last-named is the richest diamond mine anywhere and, since it opened in 1982, has turned Botswana into the world's biggest diamond producer by value.

The 1969 pact that created Debswana has not been without spats. Earlier this year, there was even speculation that the government wanted to withdraw from the arrangement by which all Botswana's diamonds are sold through De Beers's central selling organisation in London.

Much to De Beers's relief, the agreement was renewed for a further five years, although a prominent economic analyst at the University of Botswana believes "this may well be the last such deal".

The same agreement provides for a study to increase output at Jwaneng by a third. The analyst describes this as "somewhat surprising, given that it ran counter to previous statements that all Botswana's diamond mines have reached full capacity".

Louis Nchindo, Debswana's chief executive, replies that Jwaneng has proved the worth of the addition of new equipment last year, which cost almost as much as the initial P260 million construction. The pit is now thought to have a life of 50 years instead of 25 years.

Mr Nchindo says the partnership has worked "better than anybody had hoped", but Debswana has had to act to blunt criticism that it is not doing enough to create jobs. This year training started of Batswana personnel to staff a new diamond cutting and polishing factory at Serowe. The scheme is more ambitious than it might sound. No leading cutting centre is in a producer nation, but Debswana intends the factory to employ 500 eventually.

The new soda ash project is another mineral venture in which the government has taken a stake, 48 per cent against a consortium led by AECI Ltd. of South Africa, De Beers and Anglo American. Soda Ash Botswana Ltd has a 25-year lease to exploit the Sua Pan for soda ash, salt and other chemicals such as potash, which will be sold within the South African Customs Union. South Africa formerly acquired soda ash from the United States and the project was sensitive enough for Pretoria to try to use it as a lever against Gaborone in the bad old days of carrot-and-stick diplomacy. Production targets of 300,000 tonnes of soda ash and 650,000 tonnes of salt annually would contribute about 5 per cent to Botswana's export earnings. Given these other joint ventures, it was no surprise when the government announced this year that it had opened negotiations with Anglo American for a share in the Morupule colliery. Production is fairly low but would be expanded if a price increase justified it and could form the basis for building a trans-Kalahari railway.

After a troubled history in which it has been threatened with closure on economic grounds, the BCL copper-nickel mine at Selebi-Phikwe is to undergo a European Community-assisted capital expenditure overhaul aimed at extending its life into the next century. The matte exported for refining overseas last year contributed P246 million to foreign earnings, 40 per cent down on 1989 but still in second place for exports.

Another potential windfall remains. Last year, a stratigraphic borehole was drilled in the Kalahari by a Canadian exploration company. The data is being offered for sale by the government in the hope of attracting further exploration.

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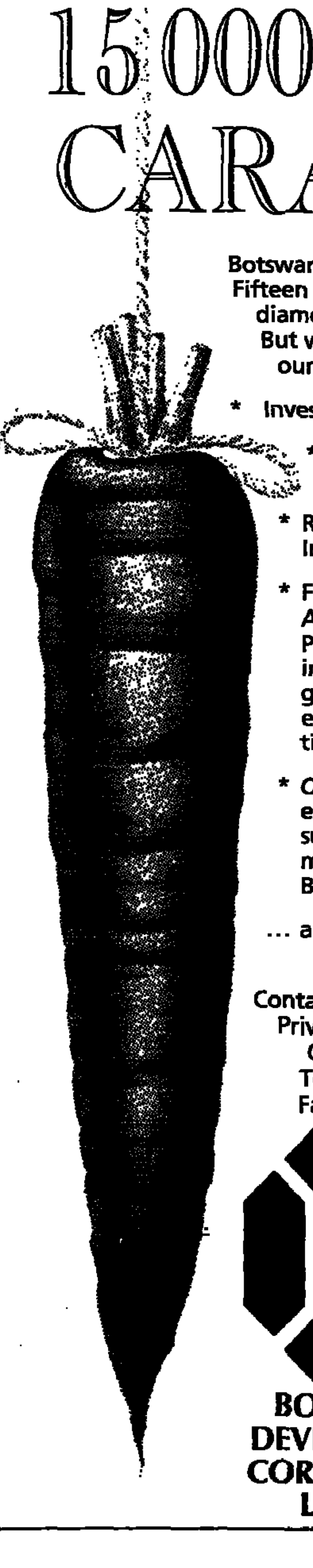

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Tourism policy to aid rural population

The Botswana government intends to open up new attractions in the desert and ensure that it receives a fairer share of the profits from tours and safaris

When Richard Burton and Elizabeth Taylor spent their second honeymoon at Chobe Game Lodge in 1975 it was said they scarcely left their suite to look at the wildlife, but since then Botswana's tourist industry has never looked back.

Connoisseurs will argue endlessly over which is the best of Africa's game parks. However, in any discussion of Tanzania's Serengeti, the Masai Mara of Kenya, Mana Pools in Zimbabwe and Namibia's Etosha Pan, there will also be heard mention of the Chobe and Moremi parks of northern Botswana.

Both are on rivers, making the region an oasis at the extremity of a desert. Chobe is on the river of that name and Moremi is around the mouth of the Okavango. Neither is easy to reach, being remote in a country that is itself out of the way.

Both are wildernesses in which the beauty and solitude of the environment and the birdlife are as important as the animals. The visitor can see vast herds of elephant and buffalo, and carnivores, giraffe and antelope, and unique indigenous species.

These treats do not come cheaply. Botswana's tourism industry is based on the principle of low intensity and high quality, which amounts to high costs in local terms, although the strength of the pound against regional currencies makes it reasonably accessible to British visitors. A one-week stay in the Okavango, including accommodation, all meals, game viewing and flights from Gaborone or Johannesburg to Maun, costs about £600 per person.

The cost of visiting Chobe had been even higher because until now the airstrip at Kasane near by had been served only by chartered flights. However, the construction of an airport, to take scheduled Air Botswana flights from Gaborone and possibly further afield, is due to be completed next month. A number of European capitals have flights to Gaborone, but cheaper connections to Johannesburg or Harare are obtainable.

National parks cover 17 per cent of Botswana. The largest in Africa is the Kalahari game reserve, which occupies an expanse of desert at the centre of the country. Such areas are inhabited by San and Khoi people, who were once known as bushmen.

Tutu Tsiang, Botswana's director of tourism, says the industry intends to diversify beyond wildlife and wilderness. The Kalahari has barely been touched. The area contains attractions such as Lake Ngami, which David Livingstone found on his first journey of exploration, and the Tsodilo Hills with their rock paintings.

Dry wit: the weather gives the desert dwellers wrinkles

Some might prefer that these wildernesses remain unvisited, but the trans-Kalahari highway, now under construction and scheduled for completion in 1994, is bound to open up parts of the desert to development. The road will give access to the Kalahari Gemsbok Park in the south, which at present can be reached only from the South African side.

The government has always taken a hands-off attitude to tourism, which has been run by the private sector, but that changed last year with the publication of the first white paper on the industry. The white paper found that in 1989 tourism accounted for about 2.5 per cent of gross domestic product, or around P100m, compared with 3.5 per cent for agriculture and 3.2 per cent for manufacturing.

Officials say tourism could make a significantly bigger contribution to the economy if the government clamped down on operators based in South Africa who collect their revenues outside the country and so avoid tax. The white paper opens the way for the plugging of this loophole, requiring all tours to be operated by Botswana-registered companies. Those already operating and registered outside the country will have to establish local subsidiaries.

Apart from increasing foreign exchange earnings, a primary purpose of the new tourism policy is to generate employment in the rural areas and reduce the drift of the population to the towns.

Gaborone officials have also decided that the country has been missing revenues from safari operators, who have been paying only about 3 per cent of their incomes for valuable hunting concessions.

Once the new rates have been negotiated, charges to the small number of people able to afford to bag a lion or a buffalo seem likely to become still more prohibitive.

The tourism white paper also provides for the first time for the grading of hotels. The standard of the main hotels in Gaborone is quite adequate for the short time the average tourist would intend to stay in the capital, which has no attractions of its own.

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Marsh mellow: tourists on the Okavango delta travelling in traditional canoes called mohorros. The government wants to take water from the area

Greenpeace fights African range war

It says something for the tranquillity of Botswana that the government's main opponent since apartheid collapsed has been Greenpeace. For all that, the environmental issue is one of the most important facing the country.

The heart of the matter is the country's Eden, the delta of the Okavango river far in the northwest. This wetland is a natural wilderness of outstanding beauty, rich in animal and bird life, and the leading attraction for Botswana's low-volume, high-quality tourist industry.

The delta, which supports a number of communities along its banks, is also a potential source of Botswana's scarcest resource — water. Three years ago, a feasibility study recommending development of water resources on the southern fringe of the delta with the aim of serving the nearby town of Maun and the Orapa diamond mine, was approved by the cabinet.

Local environmentalists, including the Kalahari Conservation Society, have raised objections to the plan, which would involve the dredging of a 26-mile stretch of the Boro river, covering about 1.4 per cent of the delta.

The government had, meanwhile, advanced another plan to construct a buffalo fence to the north of the Okavango to separate wildlife and livestock areas and keep out foot-and-mouth disease. In the United States and Europe, where conservationists were already criticising cattle overstocking in Botswana, the combination of these events was enough to create an ecological furore in which cattle-owners and Debswana, which owns Orapa, were the main targets.

Facts became confused and distorted. White cattle-barons were blamed for pillaging the range, when more than 80 per cent of the national herd is owned by communal farmers. The De Beers connection was exploited in the slogan "Diamonds are for Death".

Matters came to a head with a visit by a three-man Greenpeace team, which spent two weeks in the country in February. The relatively brief visit by a pressure group, which, in the view of some local conservationists, showed little appreciation for the need to balance human and environmental pressures, created some ill will.

Professor John Cooke, the former head of environmental science at the University of Botswana, rounded on "ill-informed and damaging criticism" from Europe and the United States.

A lion laps up the wild

The Greenpeace report urged the government to drop the Okavango scheme as an "unjustified and totally unacceptable encroachment", to suspend construction of the buffalo fence and to review its livestock policies.

By then the delta plan had been suspended after a *kgotla* (tribal council) at Maun, at which villagers expressed fears for their livelihoods. The government said it was commissioning a new study to assess the impact of dredging on the delta. However, it ruled that construction of the buffalo fence would continue.

The Kalahari society does not oppose the buffalo fence. Eleanor Patterson, the chief executive, says a southern fence built in 1982 was also initially condemned by well-meaning conservationists, who argued that it would block seasonal migration of wildlife, but it was now widely agreed that the fence had protected the delta by keeping cattle out. The predicted large number of deaths of animals had not occurred.

Yet another thorny local issue concerns the elephant. In 1983 Botswana stopped what is euphemistically known as "management", or culling, of the great pachyderms. When the international ban on ivory sales was introduced in 1989, local experts had just decided it was time to resume low-level culling.

Now the elephant population is 55,000, and Nigel Hunter, of the government's wildlife department, says: "We are worried that the balance has tipped against the habitat." Officials are committed to killing 2,000 animals, the annual population growth, and wish to see the gains — from meat and skins as well as ivory — realised.

Therefore, at the meeting next March of the signatory nations to the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species, Botswana will seek permission to resume legal sales of its ivory.

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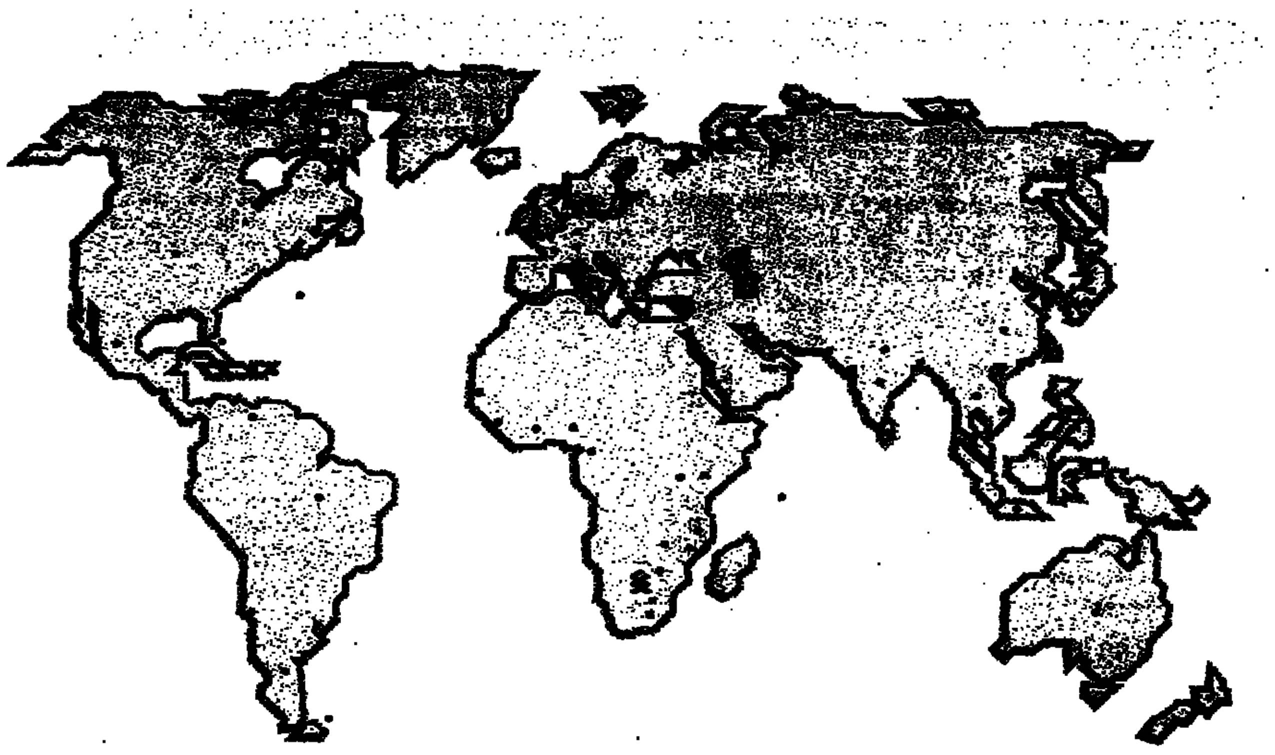

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After a variety of careers, **David Lowe** is shaken by his first six months of teaching, but not put off

Lessons in guerrilla warfare

On my first day in a primary school, the level of confrontation I saw between staff and pupils was unexpected and unacceptable. On the second day, the realisation that primary teachers do not get free periods struck home, and after three days I wondered how anybody could be expected to teach a mixed-ability primary class of 32 children.

I knew all these things beforehand but there is little connection between knowing a fact and understanding the reality. It is, for example, not simply the lack of free periods but also the inability of a primary teacher to relax at all during the day that is not immediately apparent — even a visit to the lavatory must be planned in advance. I was also surprised by just how much of a primary teacher's work is done in isolation and, sadly, how little scope there is for teamwork. This all started for me six months ago when I started assisting full-time in primary schools as a prelude to taking a one-year postgraduate certificate of education course this autumn. I made one mistake in those early days by venturing into the infants' playground. There were about 100 children but their number looked like 5,000, and all of them were engaged in knee-high guerrilla warfare.

Having followed two separate and successful careers, I can now just afford to become a teacher. I have no mortgage, no interest in expensive cars and, having travelled abroad for much of my working life, no desire for foreign holidays. If I do not resume smoking, I should be able to exist on an income about £2,000 below the national average wage. I will, however, keep a couple of moonlighting options open just in case.

After my acceptance on the training course, I decided I should spend as much time as I could in primary schools, helping in any way I could and critically observing the children and the teachers. I needed to know whether I could or even wanted to do the job. The answer to both questions is a qualified but optimistic "Yes".

The first few weeks were a revelation. My impressions were dramatic and diverse and surprisingly different from those I had gained as a parent. An early and still valid impression is of the quality and professionalism of the teachers I have seen in action.

An impossible task is, it seems to me, asked of primary teachers. There were 32 mixed-ability children in the last class I took. This may not sound a lot but consider it as eight tables, each with four children and all working at different levels. In one class of children aged seven and eight, some have difficulty reading words such as "full", while others can read and even spell "encyclopaedia". A set piece of descriptive writing relating to a day trip produced one and a half lines of unintelligible scrawl from one child and a well ordered and interesting sheet of A4, perfectly typed on the family word processor, from another. In mathematics the ability range is just as extreme. Multiplying ten by seven is impossible for some while the top few can manage complex long division better than I can.

'Jo is an excellent reader — and she has just cause for complaint'

One of the real problems caused by this ability range is neatly summed up by one teacher: "John needs a lot of help with reading. I try to listen to him at least every other day. Jo is an excellent reader. I hear her once a fortnight. She has cause for complaint."

The top six in the class could possibly do with individual work that is set to stretch them.

The bottom half dozen need a lot of encouragement and individual attention to give them the basic grounding on which all their future education will be based.

The noisy ones in the middle 20 will demand and get some attention, but what about the quiet ones and those who try to become invisible?

One thing that has to be seen to be believed is the amount of disruption that can be caused by one child. This child would be an individual who has a catalytic effect on a group of the more easily led children. The child in question is bright, tall for his age and strong, and he can be cruel and violent to his fellows.

His response to any suggestion of censure is to say, "You can't do nuffink to me", and walk away. I was a little angry to see the amount of precious time that was given to him at the expense of other children.

I know some of his story, and it is very sad, but I will not apologise for having prime concern for innocent victims.

With a new class, you soon start to care about what happens to the individuals in it. When there are 32 children in a class, however, something has to give. If my anger was caused by large classes, my sorrow was prompted by the young artistic talent that went unrecognised, talent swamped also by the "colour every inch in bright colours, mount it on a contrasting card and pin it up" school of art. I am certain that having a degree will only slightly improve my contribution to the education of this country's primary school children.

In higher levels of education with self-motivated students, the only essential requirement for the teacher is narrow subject knowledge. The primary teacher, on the other hand, has responsibility for, and influence over, the same children for the whole of every school day.

This continues for at least a year and sometimes considerably longer, especially in the smaller schools. Our society seems to attribute status to the various levels of education in precisely the wrong order.

● *The author is using a pseudonym*

Oxford seizes the American initiative

The university aims to take the lead with a study centre of 'world-class' quality

As institutions such as the Fulbright Commission lament the decline of British interest in American affairs, and London University in effect allows its Institute for US Studies to succumb to extinction, Oxford University is affirming its intention to create "a world-class centre for American studies".

The centre is intended to become "the prime institute outside the Americas for the study of American history, politics, government and foreign policy".

The revised portfolio of the Campaign for Oxford, to be released today, highlights American history and politics beside other large and imaginative programmes for European and management studies. The scale of the ambition alone is striking: Oxford has entered a bid to be the main support for the cultural bridge connecting England and the Continent with the United States. To American policy analysts, the building of institutional transatlantic links is a matter of increasing concern, but neither the British nor the American government has taken decisive action. However, private sponsors — such as Rhodes, Harkness, Harmsworth and Mellon — have been fast to react. Among them is Sydney Mayer, the publisher who has endowed a lectureship in American history that will be attached to the institute and named after him.

A series of such posts, large and small, will immortalise the names and interests of their patrons.

Oxford and Cambridge used to resist constructive change and destructive tyranny alike for a similar reason: their confederate structure. Enthusiasts for European Community federalism could learn a lesson from the hugely successful confederate unions of Oxford and Cambridge colleges compared with the unhappy record of the colleges of the universities of London and Yale, linked as the latter are in a federal bond that subordinates the real interests of each to the hypothetical interest of none.

Yet Oxford suffered from the very success of its colleges. Faculties, outside the natural sciences, were weak; graduate research and teaching were not always a priority. The university is, however, now embracing the concept of a campaign for private funding, discovering that resources are most effectively channelled through free-standing research institutes. The Latin American Centre and the newly endowed Nissan Institute of Japanese Studies are part of a trend: private endowment, focused research, overseas involvement. The university finds that it is establishing research institutes with substantial initial donations, dedicated to a single subject. Here the pattern has been changed: in 1981, when David Robinson, a television rental magnate, gave £17 million to Cambridge, it was to found the college that now proudly bears his name: in 1990, when Sir Run Run Shaw, a Hong Kong businessman, gave £10 million to Oxford, it was for an Institute of Chinese Studies.

There should be credit for doing the right thing — and well

The planned Institute of American studies is the archetype of something still relatively new in the humanities.

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Universities used to be depicted as institutions that were adept only at shooting themselves in the foot. Oxford at least should receive some credit for doing the right thing, and doing it handsomely.

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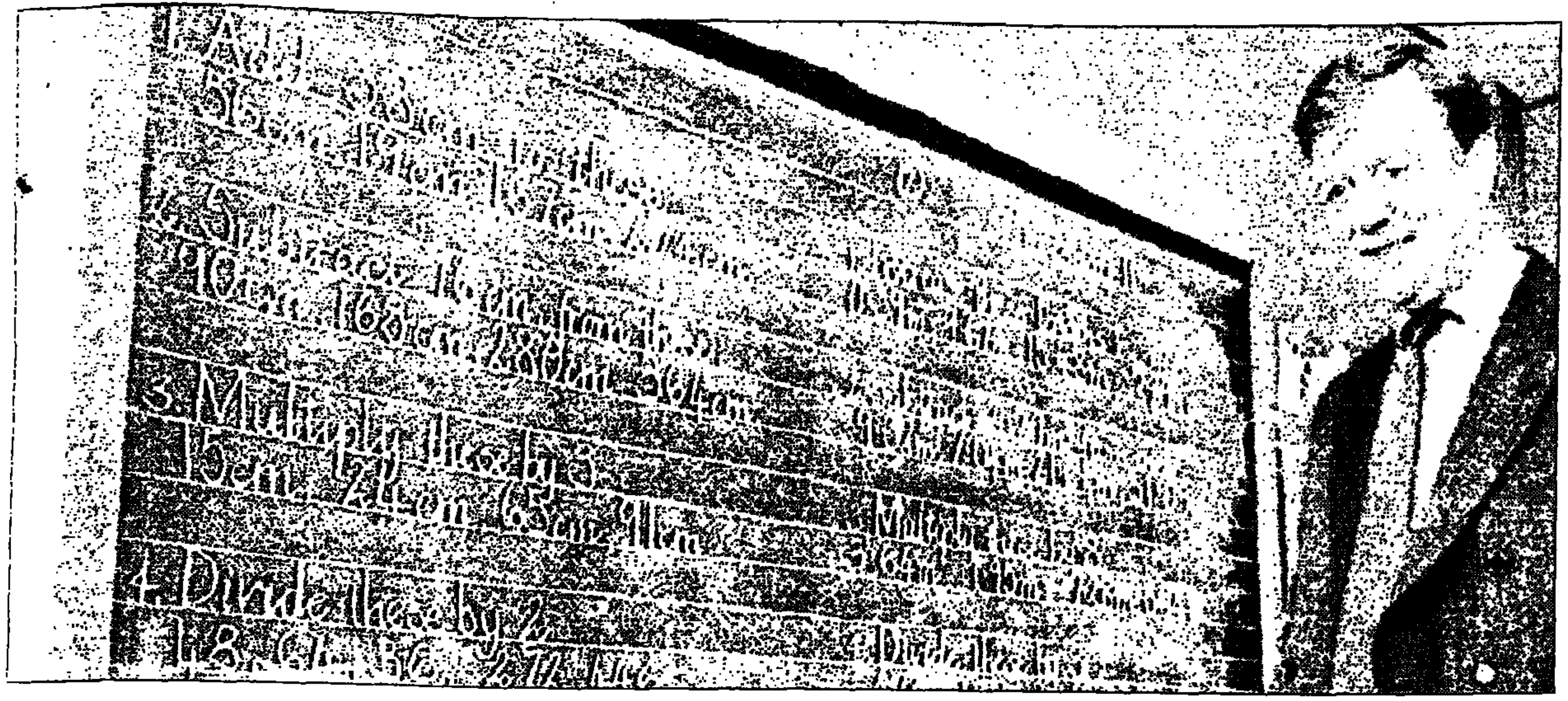

Arithmetic poser: Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, is determined to take non-vocational courses out of the equation for government support of adult education

Adult sums that do not add up

The government's change of mind on funding for non-vocational courses has come too late for some. **John O'Leary** reports

Last week's thinly disguised climb-down on the plans to remove subsidies from recreational adult education classes has relieved the political pressure on ministers, but it may be too little too late to save many courses.

Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has promised that when the education reforms divide responsibility for adult education, local authorities will have as much money for non-vocational courses as they spend at present. The authorities will be surveyed to establish how much they spend, and the buck will be passed back to them. Councillors will determine fee rises and course closures.

Mr Clarke says: "Demand for adult courses is a local matter, and authorities will be able to respond to local demand within the resources available. They will charge fees as they always have, but they will be able to take account, as they have always done, of students' ability to pay. I am confident that our policies for further education will secure a wide range of opportunities for adult students, and will meet the needs both of the nation and of individual citizens."

Ministers were taken aback by the strength of feeling on the issue, especially among their own supporters. Mr Clarke acknowledged last week that some highly responsible bodies had opposed the policy outlined in his May white paper on education and training, although he continues to insist that they were misinformed.

He will find that the funding guarantees have done little to allay the fears of the women's institutes and other groups that have protested. Although they welcome any extra money, it is the system that remains their target.

Mr Clarke still intends to divide adult education, placing vocational courses with centrally funded colleges and leaving local authorities to run leisure classes. His opponents say the division is wasteful and may make some adult education networks uneconomic. Coordinators who deal with all types of course may not be justified when the vocational elements of their work disappear.

More importantly, transferring funds to local authorities is unlikely to halt the erosion of adult education that has taken place since the poll tax came in. The squeeze on local government finance has hit adult courses particularly hard because they represent discretionary spending, which has to be the first to go when cuts are sought.

In inner London, where the adult education service was described as the "jewel in the crown" by Kenneth Baker when he was the education secretary, an estimated 40 per cent of funding has been lost in the past two years. In Islington, for example, school budget cuts were held to 1 per cent by removing 20 per cent from adult education.

> *'There continues to be substantial latent demand for arts and crafts, cultural and leisure subjects'*

Barnsley in West Yorkshire closed all its free-standing adult centres. Manchester cut 30 per cent from the budget and is looking for more this year, and Newcastle upon Tyne and Hampshire are both cutting heavily.

Alan Tuckett, the director of the National Institute for Adult and Continuing Education (NIACE), says: "As authorities get into difficulties they have to make savings in areas over which they have some discretion. Topping up their notional budgets will have little effect because the legislative framework does not protect the education of adults."

The result is enormous variations in provision for adults at a time when the demand for classes is rising. Britain's largest survey of adult education, published by NIACE last week, suggested that one person in three is either a current or recent student, or is trying to learn a subject.

Naomi Sargant, who wrote the NIACE report and the last comprehensive survey a decade ago, says: "Clearly, there continues to be substantial latent demand for arts and crafts, cultural and leisure subjects, and there is a need for adequate provision to be maintained across the broad sweep of adult and continuing education opportunities."

The Workers' Educational Association, which has already lost a third of its government grants, and could lose more under the white paper proposals, is not reassured by Mr Clarke's words. Richmond Adult Education College, in south-west London, will lose its guaranteed funding because the absence of full-time students takes it out of the new independent further education sector and it will have to rely on other colleges subcontracting work.

Anne Risman, the principal, says the college, which has an 88 per cent pass rate, believes ministers do not recognise the value of adult education. "Mr Clarke's choice of aerobics and pottery to illustrate what we do was revealing," she says. "They typify a patronising attitude, whereas many of our exercise classes are to help people with work-related conditions, and many of our craft students are executives who need the release from stress."

Sir Rhodes Boyson, the former Conservative education minister, wrote to Mr Clarke before his announcement, arguing that a separate bill would be the best way to emphasise the government's support for the sector and promote its growth. Campaigners have suggested an entitlement to classes under the Citizen's Charter.

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Missing women

WOMEN teachers are being discriminated against when it comes to promotion, according to a survey from the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology (Umist), which shows that more than half the teaching staff in state schools in England and Wales are women but only 3.2 per cent are headteachers. "It is disturbing that so few women reach managerial positions, given the number of women in the profession," Cary Cooper, of Umist, says. "It is argued that women do not want to go into school management as it takes them away from teaching, but I do not believe it."

Driving concern

CONCERN is now so great in Manchester about the involvement of young children in car thefts that a play, *Joyriding*, has been specially written to shock them out of riding in stolen cars. The drama, performed by three adult professional actors, is visiting schools in Manchester. *Joyriding* shows an older boy enticing an 11-year-old to take a trip in a stolen car. The car subsequently runs over the younger boy's grandfather. Graham Smyth, the probation officer who set up the project, says: "At five, children from inner city areas may be playing in shells of burnt-out cars, at seven they may be riding as passengers in stolen cars and a few years later stealing cars themselves. The play is hard-hitting and we hope it will break the chain, causing young people to ask, 'Is it worth *it*?' "

Muslim appeal

GENUINE educational concerns that Muslims have for their children in state schools have often led to misunderstandings, which have in turn led to confrontation, says Gulham Sarwar, the director of the Muslim Educational Trust.

"All too often in the past Muslim concerns have been presented to schools and local education authorities without any real attempt to explain the rationale behind them, and this has frequently led to unnecessary confrontation," Mr Sarwar says. In a new book published by the trust, *British Muslims and Schools*, Mr Sarwar has concentrated on the concerns, both legal and religious, facing Muslims.

The book is not another list of demands, he says. "We are trying to show that there are valid academic, educational, religious reasons for many of the requirements of British Muslims — who are British citizens, remember — in the schools their parents help to pay for," he says.

Northbound

MARTIN Harris, above, the vice-chancellor of Essex University, is to be the next vice-chancellor of Manchester University from August next year. Professor Harris, aged 48, spent 15 years at Salford University, the last six as pro-vice-chancellor, before moving to Essex in 1987.

Professor Harris, who was born in Plymouth, Devon, and is married with two sons, has a first-class honours degree in modern languages from Cambridge and a PhD in general linguistics from the London School of Oriental and African Languages.

Firefighting

THE London Fire Brigade has published a "Learn not to Burn" project, a fire safety lesson pack for children aged nine to 11, at a cost of £60,000. Fires killed 900 children in 1989, including 137 under-16s, and injured 2,000 schoolchildren. In London, fires have killed 36 children and injured nearly 500 others during the past two years. The pack provides information on fire and its causes and effects in nine lesson plans. The plans contain activity sheets and cross-references to the national curriculum subjects of maths, science, English and technology.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of Liquidator
Voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
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To the Registrar of Companies
Company Number 1479387
Name of Company
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Nature of Business: Supplier of Serviced office Accommodation. I give notice that I have been appointed Liquidator of the above company on 13 September 1991. The appointment was by the creditors. Type of liquidation: Creditors. *Name of Liquidator:* Peter James Yeldon. Office holder no: 7253. Address: No 1 Riding House Street, London W1A 3AS. Signed: P J Yeldon. Date: 23-9-91.

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Creditors may vote either in person or by proxy and a proxy should be lodged with the administrative receivers if possible before the meeting. A secured creditor is entitled to vote only in respect of the balance, if any, of his debts after deducting the value of his security as estimated by him. Creditors who are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented or to vote.

Dated the 19th day *of September* 1991
A J Barrett
Joint Administrative Receiver

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Date: 23 September 1991
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Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA, not later than 12.00 hrs on 10 October 1991 details in writing of *the debt claimed to be due from* the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receiver

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors *will be available for inspection* free of charge at Berley & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 8 October 1991.

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Dated: 3 September 1991
M J PAINE
Director

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
Blundell Meats Limited

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Registered number: 322844. Trading name: John Sparks Limited. Nature of business: Oriental Antique Dealer. Trade Classification: 22. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: *20 September* 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: R Copp and R Hocking. (office holder nos: 1788 and 2322. Address: Stoy Hayward 8 *Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.*

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
FARFLIGHT LIMITED

Registered number: 2197246. Nature of business: Snooker Club Operator. Trade classification: 39. Date of appointment of *administrative receivers:* 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Mark Charles Batten and Richard Claude Boys-Stones (office holder nos: 6705 and 7227). Address: Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge London, SE1 9QL

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
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Registered number: 2063049. Nature of business: Entertainment Club Operator. Trade classi*fication: 39. Date of appointment* of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Midland Bank Plc. Joint *Administrative* Receivers: Mark Charles Batten and Richard Claude Boys-Stones (office holder nos. 6705 and 7227). Address: Price Waterhouse. No 1 London *Bridge London SE1 9QL*

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
In the matter of
Wimborne Limited
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Registered Number: 1674843. Nature of Business: Property Development and Investment. Trade Classification: 35. Administration order made: 25th September 1991. Joint Administrators: T.C. Carter Office Holder No. 4012/01 and *W. M. Roberts Office* Holder No. 2603/01.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
In the matter of
Fairbriar Homes Limited
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Registered Number: *955087.* Nature of Business: Property Development and Investment. Trade Classification: 35. Administration order made: 25th September 1991. Joint Administrators: T.C. Carter Office Holder No. 4012/01 and W. M. Roberts Office Holder No. 2603/01.

NOTICE OF *ADMINISTRATION ORDER*
In the matter of
Knightsquare Limited
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Registered Number: 1876841. Nature of Business: Property Development and Investment. Trade Classification: 35. Administration order made: 25th September 1991. Joint Administrators: T.C. Carter Office Holder No. 4012/01 and W. M. Roberts Office Holder No. 2603/01.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
In the *matter of* Ryan Homes (Sandford) Limited
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Registered Number: 1989881. Nature of Business: Property Investment. Trade Classification: 35. Administration order made: 25th September 1991. Joint Administrators: T.C. Carter Office Holder No. 4012/01 and W. M. Roberts Office Holder No. 2603/01.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
In the matter of Fairbriar plc
and in the matter of
The Insolvency Act 1986

Registered Number: 1908690. Nature of Business: Property Developer. Trade Classification: 35. Administration order made: 25th September 1991. Joint Administrators: T.C. Carter *Office Holder No. 4012/01 and* W. M. Roberts Office Holder No. 2603/01.

Number of Company: 1479387
COMPANY LIMITED BY SHARES
EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION
CHERRYGEM LIMITED
Passed 13 September 1991

At an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company, duly convened, and held at Harford House, 101/103 Great Portland Street, London W1N 6AP on 13 September 1991, *the following* EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION was duly passed, viz:

THAT it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Meeting that the Company cannot, by reason of its liabilities, continue its business and that it is advisable to wind up the same and, accordingly, that the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Peter J Yeldon of No 1 Riding House Street, London, W1A 3AS be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purposes of such winding up.

M. MOSHTAEL
Director

ORCHARD REEDS LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 14th October 1991 at 4 *Charterhouse Square, London* EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as *the qualified Insolvency Practitioner* pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.

DATED this 23rd day of September 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
K. *CROSSMAN*
DIRECTOR

PREMIER HOTELS
(WOKING) LIMITED
(TRADING AS THE NORTHFLEET HOTEL, WOKING)
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number: 2124712

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to s48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 *that a meeting of the creditors* of the above company will be held at Touche Ross & Co., Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP on 16 October 1991 at 10.30 a.m.

In accordance with rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor is entitled to vote only if:

a) Details of the debt claimed are submitted to the receivers in writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting, and

b) Where the creditor cannot attend in person a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with the receivers before the meeting.

Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

Unsecured creditors will be sent a free copy of the administrative *receivers' report.*

Claims, proxies or requests should be sent to the administrative receivers at Touche Ross & Co., at the address below.

Dated: 24 September 1991
For and on behalf of
Premier Hotels (Woking) Limited
D L Morgan and H C Wilks
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co.,
P O Box 810.
Friary Court.
65 Crutched Friars.
London EC3N 2NP.

PREMIER HOTELS
(RUISLIP) LIMITED
(TRADING AS THE BARN HOTEL, RUISLIP)
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number: 1885015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to s48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Touche Ross & Co., Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP on 16 October 1991 at 10.00 a.m.

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Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co.,
P O Box 810.
Friary Court.
65 Crutched Friars.
London EC3N 2NP.

PARKWAY HOTELS
(SURREY) LIMITED
(TRADING AS THE CLAVADEL HOTEL, GUILDFORD)
(In Administrative Receivership)
Company Number: 2267327

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to s48(2) Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Touche Ross & Co., *Friary* Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP on 16 October 1991 at 10.15 a.m.

In accordance with rule 3.11(1) of the Insolvency Rules 1986, a creditor is entitled to vote only if:

a) Details of the debt claimed are *submitted to the receivers in* writing no later than 12 noon on the business day prior to the meeting, and

b) Where the creditor cannot attend in person a form of proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf is lodged with *the receivers before the meeting.*

Creditors whose claims are fully secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.

Unsecured creditors will be sent a free copy of the administrative receivers' report.

Claims, proxies or requests should be sent to the administrative receivers at Touche Ross & Co., at the address below.

Dated: 24 September 1991
For and on behalf of
Parkway Hotels (Surrey) Limited
D L Morgan and H C Wilks
Joint Administrative Receivers
Touche Ross & Co.,
P O Box 810.
Friary Court.
65 Crutched Friars.
London EC3N 2NP.

PIMLICO SECURITIES LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION AND RECEIVERSHIP)
T/A THE BELL HOTEL, WINSLOW

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 48(2) of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above named company will be held at Cork Gully, 9 Greyfriars Road, Reading, RG1 1JG, on Friday 11 October 1991 at 2.30 pm for the purpose of having laid before it a copy of the report prepared by the Administrative Receivers under Section 48 of the said Act. The meeting may, if it thinks fit, establish a committee to exercise the functions conferred on creditors committees by or under the Act.

Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting. Other creditors are only entitled to vote if:

(a) they have delivered to me at *the address shown below, no later* than 1200 hours on Thursday 10 October 1991, written details of the debts they claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986; and

(b) there has been lodged with me any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.

Please note that the original proxy signed by or on behalf of the creditor must be lodged at the address mentioned: photocopies (including faxed copies) are not acceptable.

Date: 26 September 1991
J M Iredale
Joint Administrative Receiver
Address to which proxies should be delivered to:
J M Iredale
Cork Gully
9 Greyfriars Road
Reading, Berkshire RG1 1JG

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
AERCON ENGINEERING LIMITED

Registered number: 1086922. Former company names: None. Trading name: Aercon Engineering Limited. Nature of Business: Mechanical Engineering. Trade Classification. 07. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 26 September 1991. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Lloyds Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Antony Robert Fanshawe and Yvonne Carol Jones. Office holder nos: 539 and 938. *Fanshawe Lofts, Havelock* Chambers, Queens Terrace, Southampton SO1 1BP.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
O G F (Wholesale) Limited

Registered number: 2566404. Former company names: B Holloway Meats Limited Elm Crest Trading Limited. Nature of business: Meat Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Peter Supperstone and Raymond Hocking. (office holder nos: 2703 and 2322. Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Notice *of* Appointment of Administrative Receiver
BOWEN ENGINEERING LTD

Registered number: 1525756. Former company name: None. Trading name: None. Nature of business: Mechanical and electrical engineers. Trade classification: 07. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: P R Copp and G A Auger. *(office holder nos:* 1788 and 1067). Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
INTERNATIONAL SECURITIES AND FINANCE LIMITED

Registered number: 2101962. Nature of business: Holding Company for Snooker Club Operating Subsidiaries. Trade classification: 39. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 20 September 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: *Midland Bank Plc.* Joint Administrative Receivers: Mark Charles Batten and Richard Claude Boys-Stones (office holder nos: 6705 and 7227). Address: Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge London SE1 9QL

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
O G F (Butchers) Limited

Registered number: 629366. Trading name: As above. Nature of business: Meat Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 12. Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 20 September 1991. *Name of person appointing the* administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Anthony Peter Supperstone and Raymond Hocking. (office holder nos: 2703 and 2322. Address: Stoy Hayward 8 Baker Street, *London W1M 1DA.*

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RUGBY UNION

England opt to make low-profile build-up

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE protagonists in the 1991 World Cup, as Leacock's Nonsense Novels put it, dispersed "in all directions" yesterday, having completed the formalities of the official welcome dinner in London on Saturday evening. The visitors travelled to the country which will host their pool matches, while the five host unions braced themselves for the curious experience of being, effectively, on tour in their own land.

Of the five, England are expected to be first into the arena with a team nomination. Their XV to play New Zealand in the opening match of the tournament on Thursday will be named this afternoon, though the All Blacks will have got in first, since their team will be announced in the morning, as will the Australian XV for their first match, against Argentina in Llanelli on Friday.

Brian Moore, the England hooker, did not train yesterday after bruising a calf but there are no significant injury worries. It seems probable that England will announce the grand slam pack, plus changes at full back and wing from the side that beat France last March, though they took care in training yesterday to mix players up so that no inferences could be drawn.

Much of the weekend, for England and New Zealand, has been taken up by a mixture of training (some of it in heavy rain) and public relations. Representatives from the Surrey clubs watched the All Blacks run through their drills at London Irish and the visiting management then staged a question-and-answer session with the spectators, many of them coaches.

When they train today, Surrey schools players will be on hand to watch them, though Grant Fox and the party's other goalkickers hope to make the short trip to Twickenham to familiarise themselves with conditions there and practise their kicking, a privilege extended by Australia to England on tour in July.

England, meanwhile, arrived minus Simon Halliday (fulfilling a long-standing domestic engagement) at the Basingstoke club yesterday to split into pairs and work with parties of youngsters.

This was the first of several planned sessions with young players but, from tomorrow, England go into purdah to prepare for New Zealand. The All Blacks have no private sessions arranged, their methods are open to scrutiny by all who think they can learn from the world champions.

Wales, who have a week remaining before they open against Western Samoa in Cardiff next Sunday, were without Arthur Emyr, the Cardiff wing, on Saturday because of a strained groin muscle. But Mark Ring was due to join them yesterday after a period of rehabilitation in Brecon following his knee operation and Ieuan Evans is optimistic that his shoulder will allow him to lead Wales against the Samoans.

The Welsh team will be named on Wednesday and Alan Davies, the coach, said he thought it likely to be as hard a test as any of the new regime. "We were just at the starting point against France three weeks ago," he said. "Now it's for real. France wasn't a pressure game, merely a measure of where we were at after ten days."

DES JENSON

Weight of responsibility: World Cup captains, from left, Sole, of Scotland, Evans, of Wales, Matthews, of Ireland, and Carling, of England

Tension intrudes on camaraderie

By GERALD DAVIES

THE prime minister's interest in cricket has been well catalogued. Fewer column inches, if any, have been devoted to the sporting inclinations of other members of the cabinet, while under the previous regime only the prime minister's spouse expressed any devotion at all to games. A former member of the London Society of Referees, he was not unknown to make the occasional call to Twickenham.

But, on Saturday, at the welcome dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel in London in honour of the 16 Rugby World Cup teams, the home secretary, Kenneth Baker, came clean and, in proposing the main toast, declared his interest in rugby football, even if his references to Wayne Dooley and the British team revealed a less-than-perfect briefing.

Baker was supported by Peter Brooke, the secretary of state for Northern Ireland, and David Hunt, the secretary of state for Wales. While these two may have to show, for political expediency's sake at least, a degree of partiality, Baker — who was born in Newport, had an Irish grandmother, and is married to a Scot — was in no position, he said, to announce any bias. His political instincts clearly remain finely tuned.

For the uncommitted guest — uncommitted, that is, in the sense that the only demands to be made will be on his vocal chords in the next fortnight and on the frayed edges of his nerves — it was a marvellous occasion to meet old pals and to rub shoulders with all the participants congregated together for the only time. Those who fall by the wayside at the first hurdle will return home immediately.

Whether the dinner was quite so agreeable to the players, with more earnest matters on their minds, is another matter.

One of the endearing and, indeed, enduring memories of the World Cup in 1987 was the initial gathering of teams at such a dinner as this. Before battle commenced, as it were, a fellowship was established. Taking its first tentative and innocent steps on to the world's stage, the organisers were perpetuating the very sociable values which have been traditionally and inextricably mixed with the game but which, in the meantime, have been the butt of many a feminist joke.

Unlike many other sports, particularly those with professional inclinations and responsibilities, rugby has insistently promoted the idea that no harm at all can come from the sharing of a jar or two with your opponents and telling the odd fanciful tale or two. The hail-fellow-well-met camaraderiehas been an indispensable accessory to the sport's nature and humour.

But nothing in a rugby player's sporting life can appear so solemn as the prospect of what lies ahead in the next month. To what extent, then, can the congenial mood of Saturday be identified with a more serious intent to come. We might like to wish that it were still possible. What does the future hold?

There was, particularly among those who were listed among the favourites, the feeling of intrusion into their serious preparations. Sadly, they felt they suffered to be there.

In the Olympic movement, there are still those who look back rosily on Tokyo 1964 as the last of the friendly Games before the politics and the commerce of the wider world impinged on the old ethos. The old, for good or ill, makes way for a newer and different world. As rugby moves on and different priorities might emerge, will a time not arrive when the 1991 Rugby World Cup will be regarded in a similar such vein in years to come. It might.

Certainly, before the call for a three-line whip came, there were those countries who had rejected the full-scale gathering. It cannot have been entirely to France's satisfaction that they were summoned all the way from their training camp in Béziers. They arrived shortly before the dinner began at 7.30pm and departed again at 10pm, anticipating arrival back in Béziers at 3am.

For the rest of us, though, it served to whet the appetite still further and to long for that moment when the players can discard their formal blazers, don their kit instead, and fashion the heroic moments we all, by now, expect.

BOXING

Lewis has chance to make a name

By SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

LENNOX Lewis has beaten all but one of his 16 sportsmen inside the distance, lifted the British European title, and is within sight of a world title challenge, yet he has still to win over the British public.

Perhaps it is because Lewis won his Olympic gold medal in Seoul for Canada, not Britain; perhaps because Frank Bruno was too hard an act to follow.

Lewis's task becomes even more difficult with the return of Britain's best-loved sportsman to boxing. Whereas Bruno could be knocked out and still remain a hero, Lewis cannot afford to look less than impressive every time he steps into the ring. "He has yet to prove himself to me," Barry McGuigan said; "He can move into the first division but I am not yet convinced how well he can compete against Evander Holyfield and Mike Tyson," Mickey Duff, the promoter, said.

Lewis defends his title against Glenn McCrory, of Co Durham, at the Albert Hall tonight. It is a chance to strengthen his case for recognition. McCrory is not only Lewis's best appointment so far but also one against whom the champion can look good.

McCrory can give the impression of giving a solid enough opponent. He is big, young, good-looking and can talk a good fight. He has an excellent jab, which could trouble Lewis for a while, and can box. McCrory believes he has grown into a genuine heavyweight, having always fancied himself as a heavyweight ever since Mike Tyson used him as a sparring partner some years ago.

A left hook to the lips in the third round from Jeff Lampkin, of the United States, cost McCrory his International Boxing Federation cruiserweight title last year, but McCrory blamed the defeat on his inability to make the cruiserweight limit of 13st 8lb happily. Tonight he could be around 16 stones after training with the Green Howards at Catterick Camp.

While the Army will have improved his stamina, his extra weight will most likely have slowed down his jab. Which would be a pity, for that was McCrory's best punch. Without it he could find himself in a worse situation than when he was beaten as a young light-heavyweight by never would-bes such as Rudi Pica, Anders Ekland, Dave Garside and Hughroy Currie.

Currie knocked McCrory out in two rounds but was himself knocked out in one round by Derek Williams, who was well-beaten twice by Jean-Maurice Chanet, of France, who was stopped by Lewis.

If Lewis has trained well and not underrated McCrory, he should be able to dispose of the challenger in about five or six rounds. Anything more than that could leave those who are impressed only by quick knockouts smirking.

Ring's recovery heartens Wales

By PETER BILLS

WALES are entering World Cup week greatly encouraged by the progress of their injured players, Mark Ring, Ieuan Evans and Arthur Emyr. Bob Norster, the Welsh manager, said he expected all three to be available for their first match, against Western Samoa, at Cardiff.

The Welsh management is especially pleased that Ring has made such rapid progress after a knee cartilage operation only two weeks ago. Alan Davies, the coach, said: "There is no doubt in my mind that Mark will play against Samoa." Ring himself reported some discomfort from the extreme physical effort he has undertaken to hasten his recovery, but said: "I hope it will all be worth it.

"I have already been running and kicking a ball and the knee seems stronger than I would have thought possible. There was some initial swelling after the operation but hard physical massage and a lot of treatment with ice packs seems to have solved the problem."

Evans, who has suffered from a shoulder injury, trained on Saturday without effect and, although Emyr is under treatment for the groin muscle strain, Norster is hopeful a few days rest will resolve the problem.

Ring: rapid progress

☐ As the Japanese squad arrived in Edinburgh yesterday, Shiggy Konno, the veteran chairman, dismissed the host country's recent form as an unreliable guide to the competition proper (Alan Lorimer writes).

"I know that Scotland were far from full strength when they lost to Canada in May," he said, "and, as regards their recent defeat by Edinburgh Borderers last Friday, it was only natural that the players would want to avoid being injured and in these circumstances a team is always liable to be beaten."

For their part, the Japananese had two warm-up games against Hong Kong in Japan before their departure, winning both by big margins.

Constitution gain credit in understrength affair

Bath	13
Constitution	3

By DAVID HANDS

CONSTITUTION are celebrating their centenary the hard way. The Cork club's fixtures this month have included Wasps, the Barbarians, an Irish XV and, on Saturday at the Recreation Ground, the Courage club champions, Bath.

All ended in defeat for Constitution, winners themselves last season of the All-Ireland League, but not without honour. Though they seldom threatened Bath's try-line, for example, their ability to force errors, to regroup swiftly and their tackling did credit to a side down to half-strength because of injuries and absentees.

Bath were in exactly the same boat and, in that respect, it was unfortunate that the respective club champions of their countries were unable to field fully representative sides for their first encounter.

Even so, some 2,000 turned up to see them cope with conditions totally against a handling game and which may have caused Trick, the former England wing, whose appearances in the first-class game are now rare, to regret his decision to play. It was not a good day for wings, since, sadly, Bath lost Adedayo Adebayo with damaged knee ligaments which required an operation over the weekend and will remove him from the South and South West's team for the divisional championship. The England B wing was left in a crumpled heap as de Glanville and Robinson attacked the short side early in the second half.

Bath, having faced a strong wind in the first half as well as rain, turned round 4-3 to the good only to find the wind dying. But they established a strong enough base of possession at the lineout for Barnes to kick beautifully into the corners while Allen and Walsh, both of whom have useful boots themselves, had less material with which to work.

Allen, the New South Wales stand-off half, who played in the victories over both England and Wales this summer, is in Cork for the season. As Barnes will testify, Allen does not mind making his share of tackles, though Constitution were caught with less than two minutes gone when Ubogu swept from a lineout, de Glanville penetrated the midfield and Lewis scored from the ruck.

The last act of the first half, though, was Byrne's penalty goal, the wing taking over after three misses by Walsh. Thereafter it was a matter for Bath to convert their territory into points. Barnes chipped over a short-range penalty goal but amid a plethora of dropped passes it was left to Ojomoh to knock in the final nail, scoring from an increasingly-dominant Bath scrum.

SCORERS: Bath: Tries: Lewis, Ojomoh. Conversion: Barnes. Penalty goal: Barnes. Constitution: Penalty goal: Byrne.
BATH: J Callard; D Trick, P de Glanville, I Lewis, A Adebayo (rep. T Reeman); S Barnes, I Sanders, V Ubogu, C Atkins, J Mallett, N Maslen, M Haag, A Reed, A Robinson, S Ojomoh.
CONSTITUTION: B Walsh; A Byrne, C Murphy, N Murray, D O'Dowd; J Allen, P Buckley, P Soden, P Derham, F O'Driscoll, L Dineen, S Hayes, D Lynch, V Donnelly, B Howell (rep: C Slattery).
Referee: L Prideaux (Cornwall).

Newport inflict a record defeat

Newport	56
Blackheath	0

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

THIS month has bristled with Anglo-Welsh games, but none resembling this mismatch at Rodney Parade on Saturday.

Newport's victory in sheeting rain moulded together intent and style. Their bountiful skills created a record win in the oldest first-class fixture between English and Welsh clubs, which dates back 112 years.

Blackheath are seeking a restoration of fortunes with the appointment of Alan Davies, not of Nottingham and Wales, but of their own youth organisation, as playing administrator. Davies was philosophical about their defeat. Blackheath, average age 24, were without six of their potential league team.

Newport, newly promoted to the first division of the Heineken league, ran in ten tries, including three from George, their captain and flanker. They expanded a 27-point lead against the wind to compensate for the recent surprise defeat by Richmond.

Newport dominated possession and thrived on Waters, aged 36, a lock forward who earlier this month became the first Newport player to make 600 appearances. Llewellyn prospered at scrum half, and Pill, who excelled on the wing, and every Newport back contributed points.

Harries mastered a slippery foothold with six successful place kicks and Boyes, who offered a mixture of magic and mischief, dropped a goal across the wind from 30 yards. Blackheath managed only one place kick, a penalty attempt by Munn, when they were trailing by 50 points.

SCORERS: Newport: Tries: George (3), Pill (2), Llewellyn, McCracken, Harries, Orrell, Abraham. Conversions: Harries (5). Penalty goal: Harries. Dropped goal: Boyes.
NEWPORT: S McCracken; A Harries, K Orrell, G Abraham (rep: D Griffiths), S Pill; M Boyes, D Llewellyn; S Duggan, K Gregory, P Taylor, G George, A Perry, D Waters, A Carter, K Withey.
BLACKHEATH: J King (rep: K Kennison); J Aldridge, D Collins, M Scott, P Jones; N Munn, R Halls; R James, A Clark, G Hughes, D Wilton, N Thomas, J Hayday, J Swain (rep: R Johnson), N Winters.
Referee: J Morgan (Pontyclun).

Hopleys combine in style

Wasps	23
Newcastle Gosforth	6

By BARRY TROWBRIDGE

BOASTING a 100 per cent record from eight starts this season, Newcastle Gosforth travelled to Sudbury on Saturday with the obvious intent of adding to their tally, but on a chill, damp and dismal afternoon found Wasps in equally defiant mood and with far too much pace for comfort.

Inspired by Damian Hopley and Dean Ryan, Wasps took the honours by two goals, two tries and a penalty goal to two penalty goals by David Johnson, but Newcastle fought hard, too often literally, and have a solid base from which to launch a challenge for promotion to the first division when the Courage Clubs Championship begins in November.

With the wind behind them and their pack fired up, Newcastle should have made more of the first half-hour. The Wasps back row, however, was on top of its game, and despite Buzza dealing indifferently with an aerial bombardment from Johnson, cover was ample and the impasse maintained.

Midway through the first half Hopley scythed through a handful of half-hearted tackles, and it was his astonishing acceleration which ten minutes later put his older brother, Phil, clear 40 metres out for the opening try.

At the end of the first half, the brothers combined to give Mark Brown his first run, but what should have been a relatively simple score for the left wing was realised the hard way by Richard Kinsey, the Wasps lock. Sandy MacNeill, an Australian World Cup referee, awarded a scrum to Newcastle as Brown fumbled, but the Wasps eight shoved their way to the line.

From an authentic five-metre pushover, Bates touched down for 14-0, but after Johnson's first penalty goal the Hopleys struck again, Buzza finishing off a sweeping move which saw Brown link between them at speed to create the overlap.

Johnson responded immediately, and although Richard Arnold, Newcastle's fiery No. 8 from New Zealand, became more apparent as the game went on, Davies had the last word with the easiest of penalty goals and Wasps' own 100 per cent record was stretched to six games.

SCORERS: Wasps: Tries: P Hopley, Kinsey, Bates, Buzza. Conversions: Davies (2). Penalty goal: Davies. Newcastle Gosforth: Penalty goals: Johnson (2)
WASPS: A Buzza; D Kennell, P Hopley, D Hopley, M Brown; H Davies, S Bates, G Holmes, A Simmons, I Dunston, M White, R Kinsey, S O'Leary, M Rigby, D Ryan
NEWCASTLE GOSFORTH: J Whisker; D Briggs (rep. M Beattie), P Holdstock, R Wilkinson, G Spearman; D Johnson, D Walker; M Fraser, N Frankland, J Curry, G Clark, T Roberts, S Gibbs, J Baldwin, R Arnold.
Referee: S MacNeil (Australia)

Reprieve for Ludeke

THE Transvaal forward, Frans Ludeke, has received another reprieve from the British government after being threatened with deportation on his arrival here last Thursday.

Having had his original deadline extended by 24 hours, Ludeke, aged 23, who hopes to play for Waterloo in the second division, has been allowed to stay another week, which will give the Home Office time to consider Waterloo's appeal which has been backed by the English Rugby Football Union.

Neath assume control with wind at backs

Gloucester	15
Neath	20

By PETER BILLS

NEVER mind the World Cup, those fancy Fijians, waltzing Wallabies and all. Down Gloucester way the citizens prefer a robust encounter of this nature involving their beloved "Glos", any day.

It was a day made for the brand of earthy rugby these sides prefer. Rain and the howling wind lashed the faces of Neath before the interval, and then Gloucester after half-time.

A Neath win at Kingsholm is enough of a rarity for Paul Thorburn never to have known the feeling prior to Saturday. But the Welsh team's second-half revival was sufficiently invigorating to overhaul their rivals' 11-0 interval advantage.

Hyatt's dismissal ten minutes into the second half for fighting after the whistle seemed to offer Gloucester a path to prosperity, but with Varney adapting smoothly to hooker, Neath were unperturbed.

It was an excellent game for entertainment, as tough as teak, but dirty only in an eight-minute spell immediately after half-time. Tony Spreadbury, the referee, sorted out the nonsense sensibly and with Hyatt's expulsion the malice evaporated and we returned to the pounding, legitimate play which had been the hallmark of the game.

Neath's scoring burst was triggered by Thorburn's two penalty goals before Gravelle slipped over from a quick throw-in. Bird then dropped a goal either side of Varney's try, a reward for his relentless pursuit of the loose ball, and Hawker's second try of the match, from two yards, came too late.

Matthews again looked a fine prospect and Ian Smith, with some fierce tackling, was a stirring example to Gloucester, but Neath's all-action style of forward grouping was decisive.

SCORERS: Gloucester: Tries: Hawker (2), I Smith. Penalty goal: T Smith. Neath: Tries: Gravelle, Varney. Penalty goals: Thorburn (2). Dropped goals: Bird (2).
GLOUCESTER: M Hamlin, T Smith, D Caskie, J Perrins, N Marment; N Matthews, R Williams, P Jones, J Hawker, A Deacon, P Ashmead, P Miles, D Sims, I Smith, R Fowke.
NEATH: P Thorburn, S Bowling, C Laity, S Enoch, G Dawes; J Bird, S Gravelle; B Williams, J Hyatt, J Davies, D Thomas, G Llewellyn, P Jackson, A Varney, A Kembery
Referee: A Spreadbury (Somerset)

Llanharan command

THE second division of the Heineken League commenced on Saturday with two notable newcomers making emphatic debuts (Owen Jenkins writes).

Dunvant, from West Glamorgan, were promoted to this division as champions along with Llanharan, of Mid Glamorgan. Llanharan have developed a well-earned reputation as cup giant-killers but on Saturday they swept away Abertillery, who last season were in the premier division, by 20-0, with an impressive display. Llanharan led 4-0 at the interval with a try out of the top drawer. It started with a dummy by Reynolds, the blindside flanker, from a maul outside his own 22, led straight upfield and was finished off in the corner by Pritchard, the inside half.

Abertillery were made to look like lower division contenders. Further tries came for Pritchard, Evans, the right wing, and Brown, the No. 8, part of a tremendous back row. Morris, the stand-off half, added two conversions.

WEEKEND RESULTS

Heineken Welsh League
Second division

Cross Keys	6	Sth Wales Pol	12
Dunvant	23	Aberavon	9
Glamorgan W	28	Penarth	10
Llanharan	20	Abertillery	0

THIRD DIVISION: Blaina 8, Narberth 0; Llandovery 22, Bonymaen 8; Mountain Ash 3, Rumney 8; Tenby Utd 15, Wrexham 10; Treorchy 24, Aberavon Quins 6. Fourth division: Abercynon 4, St Peters 4; Cilfynydd 23, Blackwood 12; Kenfig Hill 6, Pontypool Utd 9; Kidwelly 7, Tumble 13; Ruthin 8, Ystradgynlais 17.

Club matches

Askeans	0	Harlequins	27
Ayr	13	Currie	45
Bath	13	Cork Constitution	3
Bradford	10	Preston G'	4
Cambridge Univ	18	Crawshays XV	21
Cardiff	28	Nottingham	4
Coventry	12	Pontypridd	9
Dundee HSFP	61	West of Scotland	8
Fylde	3	Orrell	24
Gala	25	Jed-Forest	10
Gloucester	15	Neath	20
Headingley	10	Leicester	58
Heriots FP	13	Tynedale	13
Kilmarnock	16	Stirling Co	51
Llanelli	13	Leinster	9
London Irish	9	Bristol	24
London Scottish	14	Richmond	15
London Welsh	23	Met Police	0
Melrose	13	Glasgow HK	28
Middlesbrough	6	Boroughmuir	10
Moseley	13	Swansea	28
Newport	56	Blackheath	0
Northampton	21	Sale	0
Northern	12	Otley	31
Plymouth	32	Maesteg	8
Pontypool	32	Cheltenham	6
Rosslyn Park	8	Bedford	6
Rugby	11	Morley	6
Saracens	21	Liverpool St H	6
Selkirk	26	Hawick	4
Vale of Lune	16	Hartlepool R	24
Wasps	23	Newcastle Gos	6
W Hartlepool	52	Roundhay	3
Sheffield	19	Wakefield	11
Waterloo	27	Dublin W	6

ATHLETICS

Berlin is the best of Brace

From MICHAEL COLEMAN
IN BERLIN

STEVE Brace, from Bridgend, came out best from a battle with Mark Plaatjes, the self-exiled South African, to win the Berlin Marathon yesterday in 2hr 10min 57sec.

It was the fastest Brace has run, confirming his claim to be Britain's first choice for next year's Barcelona Olympics. "Thank you for doing the work," Brace said to Plaatjes. "I thought you'd never give in." Within the past 10 months, Brace, aged 30, has placed third in New York, seventh in London, and now first in Berlin.

Steve Jones, the former holder of the marathon world best, was with the leading group until around halfway, when he had to make two stops to answer calls of nature. He finished in 2:26:53. Another Briton, Geoff Wightman, worked steadily through the field to finish eleventh in 2:13:17.

The Pole, Renata Kokowska, winner in Berlin in 1988 but second twice in the successive years, got rid of the American, Kim Jones, in the last kilometre to win the women's race in a course record 2:27:36.

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JUDO

Southby sets out his claim

DAVID Southby did his Olympic selection chances a power of good by dispatching three leading British light-middleweights to win the Welsh Open at Cardiff on Saturday (a Special Correspondent writes).

With selections for Britain's Olympic team wide open, Southby impressed, taking a well-deserved decision from Fitzroy Davis and handling Martin McSorley with consummate ease. This made the final against Jonathan Gavin relatively simple.

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Swinton find life tough in first division

Hanley brilliance wins over some Leeds supporters

Leeds 46
Swinton 8

By Keith Macklin

WHILE nobody would suggest that 12 Swinton players provided quality or testing opposition, Ellery Hanley had the Leeds rugby league supporters chanting his name at last as he ran in three tries, made one for Schofield with a surging run, and provided Swinton with a consolation try as a pass was intercepted.

The Headingley crowd have jeered Hanley many times when he has appeared in the Wigan jersey, and they need plenty of convincing that the Great Britain captain is worth the Leeds's vast expenditure. They are much nearer being convinced *after seeing Hanley's* lethal finishing against a Swinton side who held out for 25 minutes but collapsed under the strain as Bellamy, their Australian captain, was sent off for a couple of high lunges.

After 25 minutes Hanley crashed over from a pass by Dixon. His second try was a typical individual effort, and his third was made by Schofield with a pinpoint chip.

Swinton were promoted from the second division last season amid fears that they would make a rapid return. They have attempted to avoid this by appointing Chris O'Sullivan, an Australian, as their player-coach, but he was missing through injury. However, they tackled bravely in those first 25 minutes, making Leeds struggle to find rhythm.

Gibson had a try disallowed for a forward pass, and after *Hanley broke the deadlock*, the impish Ford set off on one of his mazy and tortuous runs to score the second touchdown. Hanley made the Schofield try, and with the only reply a Wilkinson penalty goal, it was 18-2 at half-time.

As the Swinton heads dropped, Hanley scored his vociferously applauded third try, Ford added his second, and Bentley and Goulding sailed through a wide-open defence. Maskill landed seven goals, some from difficult positions and into a strong wind.

Swinton got their interception try through Morrison, but they are already finding life hard in the first division.

SCORERS: Leeds: Tries: Hanley (3), Ford (2), Schofield, Bentley, Goulding. Goals: Maskill (7). Swinton: Try: Morrison. Goals: Wilkinson 2.

LEEDS: M Edwards; J Bentley, D Creasser, C Gibson, P Ford; G Schofield, G Stephens; C Heugh, C Maskill, P Dixon, M O'Neill, R Powell, E Hanley.

SWINTON: C Wilkinson; S Ransom, E Ratu, I Pickavance, J Hudson; C Bellamy, B Ashall; A Pucill, S Gamer, N Clawson, M Lowry, T Morrison, I Skeech.

Referee: G Kershaw.

Davies sinks brave Salford

IT SEEMED likely that Salford would win their first league game of the season when they led Widnes 10-0. However, along came Jonathan Davies with a brilliant try and a personal total of 14 points as Widnes came good in the second half to win 18-10. Hull broke their duck with a convincing victory at Wakefield. They won 28-14 after leading 28-2 with Gay, outstanding at full back, scoring two tries. Another excellent full back performance came from Bibb, the Featherstone and Yorkshire No. 1. His try gave him a clear man-of-the-match verdict as Rovers overwhelmed Bradford Northern 22-8.

In the second division, Sheffield Eagles received a surprise at Ryedale York, where the home side fought bravely to take a 22-20 lead in the second half with a brilliant solo try by the young stand-off half, Pinkney, before Eagles got a late winning try through Ropati.

Rochdale Hornets produced the shock of the day at Oldham, winning 28-18.

☐ Mark Geyer, the Penrith Panthers forward, will miss Wednesday's World Club Challenge against Wigan at Anfield. He could not fly from Australia because he lost his passport.

☐ Adrian Shelford, the Wakefield Trinity and New Zealand prop forward, is to appear before a league committee to explain why he did not submit to a drugs test last week at the Huddersfield v Trinity Yorkshire Cup game.

RESULTS AND TABLES

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Featherstone 22, Bradford Northern 8; Hull KR 9, Warrington 14; Leeds 46, *Swinton 8; Wakefield Trinity 14, Hull 28*; Salford 10, Widnes 18. Results and table not including: St Helens v Castleford.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds	4	3	0	1	89	42	6
St Helens	3	3	0	0	74	42	6
Featherstone	4	3	0	1	108	82	6
Widnes	4	3	0	1	72	52	6
Warrington	4	3	0	1	96	80	6
Wigan	3	2	0	1	82	60	4
Castleford	3	2	0	1	64	49	4
Hull KR	4	2	0	2	57	64	4
Bradford	4	1	0	3	84	86	2
Halifax	3	1	0	2	56	82	2
Wakefield	4	1	0	3	62	91	2
Swinton	4	1	0	3	57	92	2
Hull	4	1	0	3	56	95	2
Salford	4	0	0	4	64	106	0

SECOND DIVISION: Carlisle 39, Workington 10; London Crusaders 20, Leigh 19: Oldham 18, Rochdale 28; Ryedale York 22, Sheffield 28

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rochdale	4	2	1	1	136	78	5
Carlisle	4	2	1	1	102	72	5
Sheffield	4	2	1	1	98	93	5
Workington	4	2	1	1	70	71	5
Oldham	4	1	2	1	86	67	4
Leigh	4	2	0	2	93	98	4
London Crus	4	2	0	2	78	100	4
Ryedale Yk	4	0	0	4	64	158	0

THIRD DIVISION: Dewsbury 26, Bramley 12; Huddersfield 14, Doncaster 0; Keighley 2, Batley 2; Nottingham City 11, Hunslet 44; Trafford Borough 16, Scarborough Pirates 34; Whitehaven 44, Chorley 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Batley	4	3	1	0	92	37	7
Dewsbury	4	3	0	1	142	55	6
Doncaster	4	3	0	1	122	40	6
Scarborough P	4	3	0	1	122	58	6
Hunslet	4	3	0	1	123	81	6
Huddersfield	4	3	0	1	69	47	6
Keighley	4	2	1	1	94	73	5
Highfield	3	2	0	1	71	54	4
Barrow	3	1	0	2	84	50	2
Bramley	3	1	0	2	62	52	2
Whitehaven	4	1	0	3	82	74	2
Trafford Bor	3	0	0	3	36	103	0
Chorley	4	0	0	4	44	212	0
Nottingham C	4	0	0	4	25	234	0

EQUESTRIANISM

Nicholson goes one better

By Jenny MacArthur

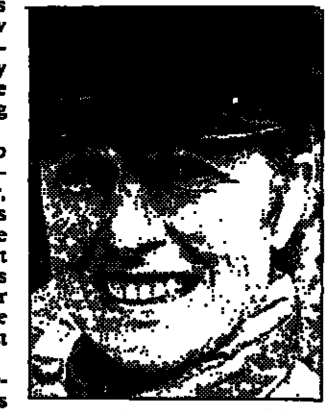
ANDREW Nicholson, of New Zealand, runner-up at Blenheim last year, held on to his lead on Park Grove to win this year's rain-sodden Audi International Horse Trials yesterday.

Nicola May retained second place on MacDuff, while Lorna Clarke underlined her outstanding partnership with King's Jester by taking third place. Few present will forget Clarke's superb cross-country on Saturday when, in torrential rain, she completed a clear round, taking all the quickest routes.

Nicholson's horsemanship was also well-tested. The 30-year-old former dairy farmer, who settled in England 12 years ago, took over the ride on the nine-year-old Park Grove just two months ago.The horse is trained by Sorrell Warwick, near Salisbury. "She deserves all the credit," Nicholson said. "I just get on him at the events."

Though he has won three one-day trials with him, this was their first three-day event together. "I decided to ride him like one of my thoroughbreds and I just hoped he would get the trip," Nicholson, a team gold medal-winner at the world championships, said. They were the fastest on the cross-country.

Less than the cost of one fence separated Nicholson and May at the start of yesterday's show jumping. Clarke and King's Jester, in third place, produced another faultless ride, but May, trying to contain MacDuff, collected five faults and so gave Nicholson a breathing space. Nicholson, who lost his lead on Applause in the show jumping last year, had no need of the advantage. They finished clear within the time to claim the £4,000 first prize.



Lorna-Clarke: came third

Despite the rain, Saturday's cross-country course rode well, with 82 out of the 102 who started Phase D finishing the course. Ian Stark and Kinsman, the leaders after the dressage, were not among them. Stark had to withdraw when Kinsman pulled up lame after the steeplchase.

RESULTS: 1, Park Grove (A Nicholson, NZ), 52.8pts; 2, MacDuff II (N May) 60.4; 3, King's Jester (L Clarke) 62.6; 4, Hello Henry (S Kellard) 63.8; 5, Stepney Bartholomew (K Straker) 66.1; 6, Away With The Fairies (J Thelwell) 69.2; 7, Balingreen (J Holderness-Roddam) 75.4.

HOCKEY

Weakened Slough suffer loss

SLOUGH suffered only their second ever Typhoo women's national league defeat when they went down by the only goal to Sutton Coldfield at Coventry (a Special Correspondent writes).

Sutton were somewhat fortunate to resist determined pressure, which earned the champions 11 penalty corners. Lynda Watkin scored from a set piece in the fourth minute.

The influence of Watkins, in defence, and Fionnuala McCarthy, in the forwards, was considerable. Both sides were missing Great Britain players, but Slough seemed lost without Karen Brown.

With Tammy Miller, the Clifton captain, in Australia, a registration mix-up excluded Sue Brimble, their stand-in captain. Chelmsford, with three goals from Lynn Bollington, took advantage, 4-0.

Doncaster held **Hightown** to a Lorraine Marsden goal but missed a deserved draw when Karen O'Neill's penalty hit the woodwork. O'Neill atoned with a brilliant goalline save and received the best player award. Hilary Rose, the **Ipswich** goalkeeper, was named best player in a their draw with **Ealing**.

Leicester beat **Sherwood** with a penalty from Morag Laird and a penalty corner conversion by Sue Holwell.

RESULTS: Sutton Coldfield 1, Slough 0; Leicester 2, Sherwood 0; Wimbledon 2, Yate and South Gloucester 0. Doncaster 0, Hightown 1; Ealing 0, Ipswich 0; Clifton 0, Chelmsford 4.

Southgate pushed to limit

Southgate........................ 4
Cannock........................ 3

By Sydney Friskin

SOUTHGATE, seeking to regain lost laurels, were driven to the limit by Cannock in their opening match of the Pizza Express National League yesterday.

Only a brilliant save in the last second of the match by Shier denied Cannock an equalising goal that would have been well deserved.

Twice Southgate took the lead and lost it. Cannock, having drawn level at 2-2, went ahead, calling on Southgate to draw heavily on their attacking resources to win. Southgate began with a somewhat unfamiliar, albeit effective, pattern of play, with three forwards supported by a steady build-up in midfield where Waugh had an outstanding game. Soma Singh was in the unusual position of sweeper in deep defence.

Cannock set off for home at a great pace, particularly on the right of the field, where Chris Mayer combined well with Jasbinder Chana, whose stick work and acceleration constantly worried Southgate's defence.

When Soma Singh failed to convert a penalty stroke in the sixth minute with a feeble push which Westley had no difficulty in saving with his stick, it seemed to be the forerunner of a sequence of missed chances. But from Southgate's second short corner in the fourteenth minute, the ball was flicked cleverly by Waugh to the left for Sean Kerry to score with a fine scoop. His brother, Danny, was later one of Southgate's rolling substitutes.

Cannock's second short corner in the nineteenth minute led to a penalty stroke, White having been denied the goal by an intervening foot on the line. Chana converted to level the score. A shot by David Mayer from Cannock's next short corner was well-saved by Shier. Waugh's goal from a short corner for Southgate in the 26th minute was answered by White three minutes before half time from a back pass by Chris Mayer. Then a spirited attack at the start of the second half earned Cannock a well-taken goal by Hughes-Rowlands, to which Southgate replied in the fortieth minute from a short corner converted indirectly by Welch.

With both goals having narrow escapes, either side could have regained the lead, but Southgate gained the upper hand for a brief spell and Shore set up a chance for Sean Kerry to score his second goal in the 57th minute. Cannock took up the chase again but just failed to save the day.

SOUTHGATE: M Shier, Soma Singh, W Waugh, I Cunningham, J Duthie, J Shaw, N Clark, P Boxer, R Welch, R Freeman, S Kerry. CANNOCK: A Westley, L Allen, D Mayer, J Roberts, Kalbir Takher, B Sharpe, C Mayer, Jasbinder Chana, T White, C Thomas, I Hughes-Rowlands.

Umpires: M Pettit (Eastern Counties). H Pollard (Southern Counties).

Grimley celebrates

MARTYN Grimley celebrated his return from Neston to Hounslow by scoring twice from short corners in their 4-0 win over Trojans on the first day of the Pizza Express National League yesterday (Sydney Friskin writes). Robert Thompson obtained the other two goals.

On a day when the more fancied teams won untroubled, Teddington sprang a mild surprise by defeating Indian Gymkhana, last year's runners-up, 9-0. McGuire scored four goals, the last from a penalty stroke. Billson, with three, and Hauck, two, were the other scorers.

The first division title holders, Havant, had little difficulty defeating Old Loughtonians, the home side, 3-1, with Williams, two goals, and Garcia scoring for Havant, and Jagdis Barber replying for Old Loughtonians.

East Grinstead scored four times without reply on their visit to St Albans with three goals from Lee and Bhatti adding to the score. However, four East Grinstead players were shown yellow temporary suspension cards.

Of the four newcomers to the first division, Firebrands, Lyons and Trojans were beaten. Bournville achieved a 1-1 draw with Neston.

GOLF

Davis hits form to remain in front

Salzburg — Mark Davis, of Thordon Park, Essex, yesterday won the Austrian Open with a closing round of 66. He tamed the Jack Nicklaus-designed Gut Altentann course with a 19 under par 269 total to claim his first Tour win with five shots to spare.

Davis was a high-flying amateur, clinching the English Strokeplay Championship in 1984, but has struggled to fulfilhis potential since turning professional four years ago.

Davis said: "I hardly got any sleep last night I was so excited. I watched the Ryder Cup until the very end and that kept me on a high. You could say our fightback in Kiawah inspired me."

Michael McLean, of Kent, came second, at 14 under after an eight-birdie final round 64. He said: "I was stung on my right hand by a wasp yesterday and had to play the last five holes almost one-handed.

"I nearly pulled out but decided to soldier on using a block of ice and an onion to ease the pain. I'm glad I did — today was the best I've played for years."

The frenchman, Marc Farry, Vijay Singh, of Fiji, and Russell Claydon, of Cambridgeshire, last year's Rookie of the Year, shared third place a stroke behind. Sandy Lyle's closing 66 earned him £8,125 for tied sixth at 11 under par.

LEADING FINAL-ROUND SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 269: M Davis, 68, 66, 71, 66 274: M McLean, 71, 68, 71, 64. 275: R Claydon, 68, 70, 71, 66; M Farry (Fr), 66, 70, 73, 66; V Singh (Fiji), 66, 68, 73, 68 277: A Lyle, 70, 69, 72, 66; S Luna (Sp), 69, 72, 7,0 66. 278: C Parry (Aus), 71, 70, 71, 66, G J Turner (NZ), 67, 71, 70, 70. 279: T Johnstone (Zim), 70, 69, 72, 68. 280: D J Russell, 71, 72, 70, 67; P Price, 75, 66, 71, 68; C Moody, 67,72, 72, 69; A Sherborne, 70, 70, 70, 70; P Fowler (Aus), 65, 69, 72, 74

281: P Baker, 69, 71, 73, 68; M Clayton (Aus), 73, 70, 69, 69; D Smyth, 70, 70, 71, 70; G Manson,71, 69, 70, 71. 282: V Forsbrand (Swe), 71, 70, 74, 67; J Haeggman (Swe), 71, 72, 72, 67; B Barnes, 66, 72, 76, 68; V Fernandez (Arg), 69, 71, 73, 69; P Mitchell, 68, 69, 73, 72; E O'Connell, 71, 71, 68, 72. 283: J Rutledge (Can), 73, 67, 73, 70. 284: M Gates, 71, 68, 77, 68; C Rocca (It), 70, 70, 74, 70; H Balocchi (SA), 71, 70, 72, 71; P Smith, 70, 74, 69, 71; G Ralph, 68, 73, 71, 72; P Curry, 71, 71, 70, 72; C Cookson (US), 67, 72, 72, 73; F Lindgren (Swe), 69, 69, 70, 76. 285: A Sorensen (Den), 74, 69, 72, 70; N Briggs, 74, 70, 66, 75; D Williams, 75, 66, 68, 76.

Douglas's work is rewarded

By Patricia Davies

KITRINA Douglas found her hard work rewarded when she won the inaugural English Open at Tytherington in Cheshire yesterday. She defeated Evelyn Orley, of Switzerland, at the third extra hole after they had tied on 285, three under par.

On a wet and cold day Douglas was one of only five players to break par, with a round of 70, three better than Orley, the overnight leader, could manage. The Swiss dropped two shots coming home, at the 12th and 16th, both par fives, and Douglas, who had five birdies in her round, holed critical par putts of five feet and 10 feet on the 16th and 17th.

Both missed short par putts on the 18th, the second extra hole, and set off down the first for the third time..

Orley, who will attempt to qualify for the US tour next month, pulled her second into a greenside bunker and failed to get up and down while Douglas got her four. It won her £11,250, her first victory in two years, and seventh in all.

The victory put her at the head of the standings for next year's Solheim Cup match against the United States

Ray Cochrane on the white-faced Selkirk prepares to launch his successful challenge in Saturday's Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at Ascot. Mukaddamah and Sikeston, rails, both faded to finish out of the first six

Cole eyes an ambitious treble

By Richard Evans
Racing Correspondent

PAUL Cole, champion trainer elect following Culture Vulture's group one triumph on Saturday, yesterday looked ahead to the possibility of capping a memorable season with an Arc day *treble in Paris on Sunday.*

Culture Vulture was rightly promoted to first spot in the Brent Walker Fillies' Mile following a hefty bump from Pat Eddery on Midnight Air which all but propelled Richard Quinn from the saddle. The incident cost the champion jockey an eight-day ban, starting a week today.

Provided Cole's filly comes out of the gruelling race unscathed, the Whatcombe trainer is tempted to run her in the Prix Marcel Boussac, which has been won by Salsabil and Shadayid in the last two years.

The £90,000 Ascot prize-money put Cole £500,000 ahead of Michael Stoute in the trainers' table and virtually guarantees he will be champion trainer — an unthinkable proposition before this season.

"I thought it was always beyond me because I didn't have the depth of owners," Cole said. "I have only one large *owner in Prince Fahd Salman* and you need more professional owners. But we have won 22 stakes races this year."

Salman, who stands a fine chance of beating the Maktoum brothers in the owners' championship, supplies two of Cole's main hopes at Longchamp next Sunday — Generous and Magic Ring.

Generous went to Newbury on Saturday for a ten-furlong canter and delighted Cole. Although he is the first to realise that heavy going could produce a freak Arc result, he said: "Generous is going to take a lot of beating. He is absolutely spot on."

Magic Ring, who attempts to become the first two-year-old to win the Prix de l'Abbaye since Sigy in 1978, was also put through his paces at Newbury. "I don't think I have seen a horse work so well for a very long time," the trainer said.

Snurge, third behind Sau*marez in the Arc* last year, will relish the rain and his price was yesterday cut from 10-1 to 8-1 by both Corals and Hills. "Snurge had a spin at Newbury and looks 100 per cent," Cole concluded.

Quest For Fame is another four-year-old that has produced his best form with cut in the ground and it appears more than likely that he will be allowed to take his chance at Longchamp. Last year's Derby winner worked well at the weekend and Ladbrokes introduced him into their betting at 20-1 yesterday.

Khaled Abdulla also has Toulon, winner of the St Leger, in Europe's premier middle distance race but no final decision about the participation of the Andre Fabre-trained colt will be taken before tomorrow.

The Cambridgeshire meeting at Newmarket this week will serve as an enjoyable hors d'oeuvre to the delights on offer in Paris. Thursday's Middle Park Stakes looks above-average with Rodrigo De Triano, winner of the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster, set to meet Balla Jidaal, Michael Stoute's improving son of Shadeed.

However, Peter Chapple-Hyam warned yesterday that if the going deteriorates at Newmarket he will not run the season's leading juvenile. "If the ground is like it was at Ascot on Saturday, Rodrigo won't run," the Manton trainer said.

Cruachan, whose Derby hopes were dashed by injury, is set to return at Goodwood on Friday. Guy Harwood's highly-regarded colt is then expected to contest the Champion Stakes.

Selkirk may take cup chance

By Richard Evans

SELKIRK is likely to run in the Breeders' Cup Mile at Churchill Downs after his thrilling victory against Europe's top milers in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes at rain-soaked Ascot on Saturday.

Ian Balding was initially sceptical about racing on the sharp US track but after talking to George Strawbridge, the American owner and breeder of the Sharpen Up colt, he was more open-minded yesterday.

"We have not made any definite decision but Selkirk will either go for the Champion Stakes or the Breeders' Cup Mile. George is keen on the Breeders' Cup race," the Kingsclere trainer said.

Trainers throughout the coun'try will be looking at their horses' testicles in a new light after the dramatic improvement shown by Selkirk since a small operation was carried out last month. A testicle which had not dropped properly and was trapped in a canal was clearly causing the colt pain and preventing him fulfilling his potential.

Since its removal, he has blossomed into arguably the best miler in Europe. With Kooyonga, the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner, confirming Coronation Stakes form with Shadayid, the English 1,000 Guineas winner, and Second Set, triumphant in the Sussex Stakes, finishing fourth, the form looks rock solid.

Balding said yesterday: "It was a slightly inspired guess on my part about the cause of the problem. We knew we had a probelm because he was a good horse who was not performing for some reason. George thought he was bleeding because he would have a race won two furlongs out and then suddenly fold up."

Ironically, Balding's first good horse, Silly Season, winner of the 1965 Champion Stakes, was also a rig and the connection gave the trainer a clue. "I just wondered if the testicle might be hurting Selkirk. He started sweating behind his hind legs at home and he never trotted very well behind. Literally the first time we rode him after the operation he trotted miles better and his work was a revelation."

Shadayid and Second Set are likely to reoppose Selkirk at Churchill Downs provided they come out of Saturday's race without ill-effects.

Oxx filly has Laurel target

JULIE La Rousse goes for the Washington International at Laurel Park after winning the listed Solonaway Race at the Curragh on Saturday (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes). The Irish 1,000 Guineas second beat Misty Valley by half a length with Star Of Gdansk a disappointing fourth.

Julie La Rousse was the middle leg of a big-race treble for John Oxx, whose other winners were Tarwiya in the group three C L Weld Park Stakes and Aiybak in the Irish Cesarewitch, both owned by the Aga Khan.

Sizzling Saga ran better than fellow English raider Pipsqueak to finish sixth after leading for much of the way in the Waterford Testimonial Stakes, won by Vincent O'Brien's King's Stand Stakes third Archway.

LEADERS ON THE FLAT

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible]	Level stakes
J Berry	138	104	100	6	-133.38
R Hannon	109	104	88	1	-129.62
H Cecil	94	63	46	3	+4.34
B Hills	88	79	49	8	+27.68
M Stoute	72	51	40	3	-52.10
P Cole	65	46	41	1	-0.84
L Cumani	60	49	36	1	-60.53
M H Easterby	55	56	64	8	-173.04
J Gosden	54	35	35	1	-19.05
I Balding	49	45	38	1	-18.58

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	losing sequence	Level stakes
Pat Eddery	148	120	71	8	-141.94
W Carson	123	108	86	12	-148.48
M Roberts	100	95	86	18	-6.00
A Munro	89	82	67	2	-74.75
R Cochrane	85	87	73	2	-16.95
J Carroll	84	67	55	17	-127.74
S Cauthen	81	63	39	10	-34.35
L Dettori	79	76	73	1	-184.49
T Quinn	77	62	64	2	-38.79
G Duffield	74	39	55	20	-62.63

RESULTS FROM SATURDAY'S SIX MEETINGS

☐ *The Times* tipping team was in outstanding form on Saturday with Mandarin (Michael Phillips) twice only one winner from going through the card. He found six out of seven at Market Rasen and five out of six at Carlisle. Richard Evans napped 10-1 big-race winner Selkirk while Thunderer's Flat winners included Shalford (10-1), Don't Smile (13-2), El Rabab (5-1), Angelo's Double (9-2) and Rive-Jumelle (9-2).

Ascot

Going: good to soft

1.30 (7f) 1, Night Jar (A Munro, 33-1); 2, Sky Cloud (5-1 fav); 3, Go Executive (33-1); 4, Maggie Siddons (33-1). 29 ran. NR: Parliament Piece. 2l, hd. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £62.00; £10.50, £1.70, £10.70, £8.00. DF: £157.70. CSF: £164.68. Tricast: £4,961.67.

2.05 (1m) 1, Made Of Gold (A Cruz, 4-1); 2, Mack The Knife (6-1); 3, Twist And Turn (7-4 fav). 8 ran. ¾l, 1l. M Moubarak. Tote: £5.60; £1.60, £1.50, £1.40. DF: £15.50. CSF: £24.92.

2.50 (1m) Selkirk (R Cochrane, 10-1: Richard Evans's nap); 2, Kooyonga (7-2); 3, Shadayid (9-1). Second Set 3-1 fav. 9 ran. 1½l, nk. I Balding. Tote: £13.80; £3.00, £1.60, £1.90. DF: £28.00. CSF: £40.57.

3.25 (1m) 1, Culture Vulture (T Quinn, 5-2 fav); 2, Mystery Play (4-1); 3, Party Cited (50-1). 7 ran. NR: Perfect Circle. ¾l, 2l. P Cole. Tote: £2.80; £1.80, £2.10. DF: £5.60. CSF: £11.77. Midnight Air finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified.

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, Tidemark (L Dettori, 10-1); 2, Nibbs Point (5-1 jt-fav); 3, Lift And Load (20-1); 4, Deposki (5-1 jt-fav). 18 ran. Hd, 6l. L Cumani. Tote: £14.80; £2.90, £1.30, £3.20, £1.50. DF: £23.80. Trio: £186.40. CSF: £55.52. Tricast: £806.81.

4.35 (6f) 1, Shalford (A Cruz, 10-1); 2, Montendre (9-1); 3, Satin Flower (9-2). Bog Trotter 15-8 fav. 16 ran. 3½l, 1½l. R Hannon. Tote: £12.30; £2.70, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £70.50. Trio: £77.40. CSF: £93.10.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £26,580.70 carried forward to Newmarket on Wednesday). Placepot: £100.00.

Haydock Park

2.15 1, Saint Ciel (9-1); 2, Crazy Horse Dancer (14-1); 3, Millie (6-1). 9-4 fav Dyd. 20 ran.

2.45 1, Thibaain (7-1); 2, Gippeswyck Lady (7-2 fav); 3, Dancing Bride (20-1). 12 ran.

3.15 1, Parking Bay (11-2 jt-fav); 2, Safe Arrival (11-2 jt-fav); 3, Broom Isle (20-1); 4, Melancolia (8-1). 20 ran.

3.45 1, Letsbeonestaboutit (14-1); 2, Gondo (6-1); 3, Hard To Figure (12-1); 4, Amron (12-1). Never So Sure, Sea Devil 5-1 jt-favs. 16 ran. NR: Bertie Wooster, Darakah.

4.20 1, Don't Smile (13-2); 2, Lombard Ocean (25-1); 3, Fylde Flyer (3-1 fav). 17 ran. NR: Coolaba Prince.

4.50 1, El Rabab (R Hills, 5-1); 2, Illuminating (6-1); 3, Spikenard (33-1). Hymn Book 11-10 fav. 15 ran. NR: Majestic Maybe.

5.20 1, Angelo's Double (9-2); 2, Gracious Beauty (5-1); 3, Chandigarh (9-4 fav). 9 ran.

Redcar

2.00 1, Not Yet (2-1 fav); 2, Hand Painted (7-1); 3, Martini's Courier (12-.). 15 ran. NR: Manse Key Gold.

2.30 1, Rive-Jumelle (9-2); 2, Watch It Matey (9-1); 3, Lexus (5-2 fav). 11 ran. NR: Pavers Good Shoes.

3.00 1, Hadaad (8-1); 2, Amadeus Aes (9-1); 3, Sense Of Priority (6-4 fav). 14 ran. NR: Martanda Light.

3.35 1, Susanna's Secret (8-1); 2, La Bamba (7-2 fav); 3, Languedoc (14-1). 13 ran.

4.10 1, Brave The Wind (6-1); 2, Salu (25-1); 3, Eleganza (10-1). Aegina 7-4 fav. 13 ran.

4.40 1, Cradle Of Love (4-1); 2, Sietaden (9-11 fav); 3, Capriati (3-1). 7 ran.

5.10 1, Justamanda (10-1); 2, Creche (13-2); 3, Breeze Away (11-8 fav). 11 ran. NR: Mark Of Silver.

Stratford

2.30 1, Chicago's Best (I Lawrence, 40-1); 2, Adeline Lynn (3-1); 3, Departure (50-1). Timid 4-7 fav. 7 ran.

3.00 1, Single Shooter (8-5 fav); 2, Crossofspencehill (9-1); 3, Cara Muffin (13-2). 7 ran. NR: Espero.

3.30 1, Cona Glen (5-1); 2, Chancery Buck (10-1); 3, Noel Luck (11-2). Dianes Destiny 9-4 fav.

4.00 1, Miss Bobby Bennett (11-4); 2, Gipsy Dawn (4-1); 3, Bursana (20-1). Daisy Girl 2-1 fav. 16 ran.

4.30 1, Rawaan (5-1); 2, Mouradabia (11-1); 3, Xhai (11-2). Whistling Gipsy 7-4 fav. 8 ran.

5.00 1, Major Match (6-5 fav); 2, Farmlea Boy (5-1). Only two finished. 5 ran.

5.30 1, Stormwatch (B Powell, 5-1); 2, Hard To Hold (16-1); 3, Electric Dancer (11-1). The Humble Tiller 7-2 fav. 10 ran.

Market Rasen

2.15 1, Aberoy (4-5 fav); 2, Fiesta Dance (9-4); 3, Parpento (25-1). 7 ran. NR: Sharp Order.

2.45 1, Spring Cottage (13-8); 2, Rupples (11-4); 3, Fine Warrior (11-8 fav). 4 ran.

3.20 1, Colorado Insight (5-1); 2, Carole's King (2-9 fav); 3, Nowhiski (14-1). 5 ran.

3.50 1, Dancing River (1-6 fav); 2, Bishopsford (11-1); 3, Riordans Well (10-1). 4 ran.

4.20 1, Vain Prince (4-7 fav); 2, Frendly Fellow (11-2); 3, Cosmic Ray (4-1). 4 ran. Roy Hobbs (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound.

4.50 1, Palm Reader (13-8 jt-fav); 2, Malicho (9-1); 3, Tigers Pet (11-4). Deep Dark Dawn 13-8 jt-fav. 4 ran.

5.20 1, Looksee (4-1); 2, Basso Profundo (8-4 fav); 3, Nat The Brat (11-4). 8 ran.

Carlisle

2.15 1, Charlotte's Emma (6-4); 2, First Stage (8-11 fav); 3, Majestic Ride (10-1). 4 ran. NR: Rostherne.

2.45 1, Nichkina (11-10 fav); 2, Kamart (5-2). 3, Frozen Forest (5-1). 4 ran.

3.15 1, Hoddam Brig (1-3 fav); 2, Northern Meadow (9-4). 2 ran, 25l.

3.45 1, Valiant Dash (4-7 fav); 2, Grayrose Double (10-1); 3, Miami Bear (13-8). 3 ran. NR: Austhorpe Sunset, Kushbaloo.

4.15 1, Bear's Picnic (8-11 fav); 2, Dolitino (16-1); 3, Mighty Glow (3-1). 5 ran.

4.45 1, Tasmim (5-1); 2, No More The Fool (11-10 fav); 3, Spoof (5-4). 4 ran. NR: Positive Action.

Top owner warns of cutbacks

AN OMINOUS warning by Hamdan Al-Maktoum that he intends to send more horses to the United States and Australia sent shivers down the spine of British racing yesterday (Richard Evans writes).

Last season's leading owner, who has more than 200 horses in training here, spoke of his concern about the plight of English racing.

"Something has to be done about it, particularly for the smaller owner," he said. "Even if they have got a horse who wins three or four races, it does not cover his costs."

In an apparent reference to the large profits made by the big off-course bookmakers, Sheikh Hamdan added that racing created a lot of income but did not benefit from it.

Asked if he would be sending more horses abroad, he said: "I am afraid, yes. I think we are interested in America and Australia." He currently has a dozen horses in America and 25 in Australia.

Although he did not say whether Sheikh Hamdan would be reducing his string in this country, Angus Gold, his racing manager, said yesterday: "At this stage I don't see it obviously affecting the number of horses in England — but I would repeat, at this stage."

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Improving Bilateral to follow up

MANDARIN

HENRY Cecil and Pat Eddery, who suffered an expensive reverse at Ascot on Saturday when Midnight Air was disqualified, will be looking for a happier outcome to the Codsall Graduation Stakes at Wolverhampton today with **Bilateral**. He is my nap.

Bilateral, a son of Blushing Groom, recorded his first win in fine style at Goodwood last month, running on well to beat Riviera Vista over seven furlongs. The manner of his success suggested he had something in hand, and this extra furlong should suit him well.

Bandmaster and Eid have both won well at Yarmouth recently and should improve, but in a race which looks sure to provide some interesting pointers to the future, Bilateral earns the vote.

Eddery also has an interesting booking on Drumhead in the Sedgeley Selling Stakes. At his best Drumhead would be an outstanding prospect in this company but he has been some way below his peak this term.

I prefer the more consistent **Passed Pawn**, a good five lengths sixth to Petavious in a non-seller at Leicester earlier this month and representing the in-form Mark Tompkins.

There has been no more in-form yard all year than Paul Cole's, and he looks set to take the County Handicap at Bath with **All The King's Men**.

With the weather becoming increasingly unpredictable, the ability to handle all types of going is invaluable and Cole's charge scores well on this point.

Last season he won and was placed second in two listed races in Italy on heavy ground, but he has also showed respectable form on a sounder surface.

On his latest start, at Lingfield, he was a fair six-and-a-half lengths third to the useful pair Pay Homage and Andrassy after a lengthy lay-off. Still only lightly-raced, he can be expected to have scope for improvement.

Causley has been largely frustrating this season but his turn may have come in the Morris Dancer Handicap. He ran a fine race on his penultimate start when a neck second, staying on gamely, to Jalmusique at Beverley, and on that form holds excellent prospects here.

La Dama Bonita has less to do in the Blathwayt Fillies' Graduation Stakes than when a commendable second to the well-fancied Binkhaldoun at Newbury last time, while **Aghniyah**, hampered two furlongs out when sixth to Hazar at Wolverhampton last time, can land the Aldie Apprentices' Handicap.

On a highly competitive programme at Hamilton, **Love Returned** appeals as the best bet in the Whistleberry Stakes.

Tompkins: drops Passed Pawn to selling company

BATH

MANDARIN
2.05 La Dama Bonita.
2.35 Aghniyah.
3.05 Causley.
3.35 Pipistrelle.
4.05 Encore Une Fois.
4.35 All The King's Men.

THUNDERER
2.05 Temple Fortune.
2.35 Woodurather.
3.05 Stylish Gent.
3.35 *Triplicate.*
4.05 Choppy Choppy.
4.35 **ARABIAN BOLD** (nap).

RICHARD EVANS
3.05 **CHARMED KNAVE** (nap).
4.35 All The King's Men.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.35 *Pipistrelle.*

GOING: GOOD   DRAW: 5F-1M 8YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST   SIS

2.05 BLATHWAYT FILLIES GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O: 5f 11yd) (8 runners)

1 (3) 555 ABSOLUTELY NUTS 9 (J Hall) B McMahon 8-8 T Williams 83
2 (4) 2003 CHANCE TO DREAM 14 (Mrs D Hammerson) R Hannon 8-8 W R Swinburn 90
3 (6) GRECIAN BELLE (D Hill) D Wilson 8-8 B Rouse —
4 (2) 42 LA DAMA BONITA 9 (C Wright) D Arbuthnot 8-8 T Quinn 98
5 (7) 20200 MADAM PETOSKI 7 (BE) (P Asquith) R Boss 8-8 D Holland 85
6 (8) 50 PLEASURING 45 (K Freeman) M McCormack 8-8 J Reid ● 99
7 (1) SILCA-CISA (Aldridge Racing Ltd) M Channon 8-8 J Williams —
8 (5) 424 TEMPLE FORTUNE 83 (BF) (L Ward) D Elsworth 8-8 L Dettori 91

BETTING: 11-4 La Dama Bonita, 3-1 Pleasuring, 4-1 Chance To Dream, 6-1 Madam Petoski, 8-1 others.

1990: MARAATIB 9-4 W Carson (2-1 fav) H Thomson Jones 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTELY NUTS over 7l 5th to Verde Alitalia (gave 5lb) at Catterick (5f, good to firm). CHANCE TO DREAM 3l 3rd by to Shaping Up (gave 5lb) here (5f 161yd, firm).
LA DAMA BONITA ¾l 2nd to Binkhaldoun (gave 5lb) at Newbury (6f 8yd, good to firm). PLEASURING 9th of 21 to High Sevens (levels) at Newbury (6f, good to firm). TEMPLE FORTUNE 2¼l 4th to Ebraaz (gave 5lb) at Windsor (5f).
Selection: LA DAMA BONITA

2.35 ALDIE APPRENTICES HANDICAP (£2,595: 1m 2f 46yd) (11 runners)

1 (5) 4/5011-0 WOODURATHER 193 (D,BF,G,S) (R Barber) M Pipe 5-9-10 A Simpson 80
2 (3) 240411 PETAVIOUS 10 (F,S) Lady Herries 6-9-7 Caroline Griffiths 86
3 (4) 005506 AGHNIYAH 21 (F) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-9-0 E Husband 89
4 (8) 664155 CAPITAL BOND 20 (F) (Mrs R Holder) R Holder 3-9-0 S Drowne 84
5 (9) 652000 TELETRADER 25 (D,F) (J Hoare) R Hodges 10-8-8 G Parkin 93
6 (7) 551146 BRONZE RUNNER 10 (B,D,F,G) (Austin Stroud & Co Ltd) E Wheeler 7-8-0 B Thomas 90
7 (1) 060643 PRICELESS FANTASY 46J (F) (I Wardle) J Roberts 4-7-11 C Hawksley 84
8 (11) 005006 WHASSAT 14J (F,G,S) (P Neophytou) M Muggeridge 7-7-7 D Gibbs 81
9 (10) 050-006 ATLANTIC WAY 77 (C Hill) C Hill 3-7-7 W Humpries 80
10 (6) 200000 DR ZEVA 10 (F) (D) (G Butterfield) J Jenkins 5-7-7 A Garth ● 99
11 (2) 028-046 GILBERT'S GIRL 7 (A Newcombe) C Hill 4-7-7 P Bowe 80

Long handicap: Atlantic Way 7-5, Dr Zeva 7-5, Gilbert's Girl 7-1.

BETTING: 3-1 Petavious, 4-1 Aghniyah, 9-2 Bronze Runner, 6-1 Priceless Fantasy, 8-1 Capital Bond, 10-1 others

1990: SINCLAIR BOY 4-8-8 T Marsden (13-2 fav) B Hills 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

WOODURATHER 11th of 18 to Margs Girl (rec 2lb) at Doncaster (1m 2f 50yd, good to soft), earlier beat Merton Mill (rec 12lb) 2l at Chester (1m 2l 85yd, good to soft). PETAVIOUS beat Quip (gave 19lb) 1½l at Southwell (1m 4l, good to firm). AGHNIYAH 10l 6th to Hazar (gave 3lb) at Wolverhampton (1m 200yd, firm). CAPITAL BOND 8½l 5th to Saofus (rec 4lb) at Leicester (1m, good to firm). TELETRADER 14th of 19 to Belasani (gave 2lb) at Salisbury (1m 4f, good to firm). BRONZE RUNNER 7¼l 6th to Pentridge (gave 24lb), with DR ZEVA (rec 6lb) 8¾l 7th, at Newbury (1m 2l, good to firm). PRICELESS FANTASY 4½l 3rd to Hills Of Hoy (gave 14lb), with BRONZE RUNNER (rec 6lb) 6l 4th, here (1m 2l 50yd, good to firm)
Selection: WOODURATHER

3.05 MORRIS DANCER HANDICAP (£4,207: 1m 5yd) (17 runners)

1 (10) 266045 AGE OF MIRACLES 54 (B,D,F,S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-10-0 T McLaughlin 83
2 (11) 140-618 AITCH N'BEE 6 (D,G,S) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 8-9-12 L Dettori 99
3 (15) 051113 STYLISH GENT 20 (D,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-11 W R Swinburn 87
4 (1) 1260-50 NIGEL'S LUCKY GIRL 142 (G) (N Greening) R Guest 3-9-11 N Day 80
5 (17) 636326 CAUSLEY 12 (D,F,G,S) (H Pearce) B McMahon 6-9-9 T Quinn 90
6 (7) 256325 MISS SHARPO 12 (V,F) (P Winfield) R Hannon 3-9-2 J Reid 89
7 (2) 500100- TARTAR'S BOW 207J (D,F) (W Reid) R Holder 4-9-2 J Williams 85
8 (13) 002284 PAPER DART 17 (Mrs J Wallinger) P Walwyn 3-9-1 A Munro 97
9 (5) 242033 BIGHAYIR 16 (B,D,F,G) (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 4-8-12 N Carlisle 89
10 (3) 61-0563 MISS U LIKE CRAZY 14 (BF,G) (C Wright) J Hills 3-8-12 M Hills 89
11 (16) 025405 MONTEROS BOY 31 (B,CD,F,G) (B Wisdom) B Hills 6-8-7 D Holland 89
12 (4) 43-000 PICKLES 10 (Lord Vestey) H Candy 3-8-6 C Rutter 96
13 (14) 010025 MAI PEN RAI 20 (D,BF,F,S)) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-6 A Tucker ● 99
14 (6) 0000-23 LILY'S LOVER 30 (G) (P Hiatt) D Burchell 5-8-5 Paul Eddery 94
15 (9) 004141 CHARMED KNAVE 11 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs M Gleason) D Laing 6-8-4 T Williams 91
16 (12) 000010 BLAKE'S TREASURE 12 (V,D,F) (P Blake) T Thomson Jones 4-7-11 E Johnson 95
17 (8) 60/4256 SAND-DOLLAR 207J (D,F) (R Fry) J Old 8-7-7 R Fox 84

Long handicap: Sand-Dollar 7-3.

BETTING: 5-1 Stylish Gent, 11-2 Charmed Knave, 6-1 Bighayir, 13-2 Aitch N' Bee, 8-1 Paper Dart, 10-1 others.

1990: YOU ARE A STAR 4-9-2 B Raymond (9-1) M Tompkins 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

AGE OF MIRACLES 16l last of 5 to Prince Hannibal (gave 7lb) at Brighton (1m 3f 196yd, good to firm). AITCH N'BEE 2l 6th to Skipper To Bilge (rec 4lb) at Kempton (7f, good to soft). STYLISH GENT over nk 3rd to Jawab (gave 18lb) at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). CAUSLEY 11½l 6th to Croft Valley (gave 3lb) at Beverley (1m 100yd, firm). PAPER DART under 3l 4th by Daswaki (gave 12lb) at Doncaster (1m, good to firm). BIGHAYIR over 4l 3rd to Friedland (gave 13lb) at Goodwood (1m 2f, 30yd, good to firm). MISS U LIKE CRAZY 4l 3rd to Laurel Queen (rec 2lb) at Edinburgh (1m 16yd, good to firm). LILY'S LOVER 3l 3rd to Top Of The Bill (levels) at Chester (1m 2l 75yd, good to firm) CHARMED KNAVE beat Tara's Girl (gave 19lb) a hd at Lingfield (7f 140yd, good to firm). BLAKE'S TREASURE on penultimate outing beat Avishayes (gave 13lb) at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good to firm)
Selection: AITCH N'BEE (nap)

3.35 WESTMORELAND HANDICAP (£2,954: 2m 1f 34yd) (14 runners)

1 (5) 115410 ART FORM 30 (F,G) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-10-0 T McLaughlin (7) 98
2 (11) 4503- VOLPEDO 205J (C Electrical Controls Ltd) R Manning 4-9-2 B Rouse 82
3 (14) 4-0400 CLIFTON HAMPDEN 23 (B) (R Gibbs) Lady Herries 3-9-1 J Reid 87
4 (6) 033115 THE LAST EMPRESS 23 (F,G) (Mrs J Lewis) P Cole 3-9-1 T Quinn 94
5 (10) 530251 TRIPLICATE 10 (B,F) (F Parlade) J Dunlop 5-9-0 W Ryan ● 99
6 (7) 14/016-6 MISS POKEY 142 (CD,G,S) (D Brown) R Holder 5-8-13 J Williams 88
7 (4) 0-022 SKIFFLE 44 (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-8 D Holland 93
8 (2) 04-04 DAUNTLESS KNIGHT 140 (B) (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 3-8-7 R Cochrane 91
9 (9) 0/3056-0 TRING PARK 16J (Exol Office Systems Ltd) R Curtis 5-8-6 W Newnes 85
10 (3) 054165 FORMAL OCCASION 79 (F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-4 Paul Eddery 97
11 (8) 024120 GLENSTAL PRIORY 21 (F) (Norman Hill Plant Hire) P Cole 4-8-3 C Rutter 88
12 (12) 422032 PIPISTRELLE 11 (V,F,G) (Mrs C Miller) J Scargill 4-7-9 N Carlisle 96
13 (13) 000-06 LADY GWENMORE 18 (S Smith) R Akehurst 3-7-7 B Doyle (5) 80
14 (1) 026000 EMALLEN 40J (P Allen) D Wilson 3-7-7 C Hawksley (7) 80

Long handicap: Lady Gwenmore 6-11, Emallen 6-2

BETTING: 7-2 Triplicate, 4-1 The Last Empress, 5-1 Skiffle, 6-1 Glenstal Priory, 8-1 Pipistrelle, 10-1 Dauntless Knight, 12-1 Formal Occasion, 14-1 Miss Pokey, 16-1 others.

1990: CHUCKLESTONE 7-9-9 Pat Eddery (15-2) J King 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ART FORM on penultimate outing beat Dalby Dancer (rec 12lb) 1½l at Warwick (2m 20yd, good to firm). THE LAST EMPRESS last of 5 to Rogerdor (gave 10lb) at Haydock (2m 45yd, good to firm), earlier beat Fight To Win (rec 7lb) 2½l at Lingfield (2m, good to firm). TRIPLICATE beat Caroles Clown (rec 29lb) 2½l at Southwell (2m, good to firm). SKIFFLE 4l 2nd to Arrastra (levels) at Lingfield (1m 6l, good to firm) DAUNTLESS KNIGHT 15l 4th to Coleridge (levels) at Wolverhampton (1m 7f 70yd, good to firm).
GLENSTAL PRIORY 9th of 13 to Welcoming Arms (rec 6lb), with PIPISTRELLE (rec 11lb) over 3l 3rd, at Wolverhampton (2m 201yd, good to firm); earlier beat PIPISTRELLE (rec 6lb) ¾l at Folkestone (2m 93yd, good to firm)
Selection: GLENSTAL PRIORY

4.05 DONNINGTON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,528: 1m 5yd) (11 runners)

1 (2) 00 BARTOLOMEO 14 (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 89
2 (8) 00 FAIRSPEAR 35 (G Sanders) L Cottrell 9-0 T Rogers —
3 (11) 0 SPORTS VIEW 47 (J Warner) R Holder 9-0 J Williams —
4 (1) 0 STOUR HILL LAD 20 (R Short) R Hodges 9-0 A Tucker (5) —
5 (6) 00 THE KARAOKE KING 11 (P Boggis) R Hannon 9-0 B Rouse 77
6 (5) 4 WALKING THE PLANK 14 (M White) P Walwyn 9-0 W R Swinburn 82
7 (7) 025 CHOPPY CHOPPY 38 (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-9 M Hills ● 99
8 (10) 3 ENCORE UNE FOIS 35 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 Paul Eddery 95
9 (3) FINE AS FIVEPENCE (Mrs R Ball) Mrs A Knight 8-9 E Johnson —
10 (9) 0 PETINATA 25 (J Charlton) R Charlton 8-9 S Raymont 73
11 (4) 0 TASKING 14 (Mrs L Simpson) B Hills 8-9 D Holland —

BETTING: 5-2 Encore Une Fois, 3-1 Choppy Choppy, 9-2 Walking The Plank, 6-1 The Karaoke King, 8-1 Bartolomeo, 10-1 Petinata, 12-1 others.

1990: FRAAR 9-7 W Carson (6-1) H Thomson Jones 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

WALKING THE PLANK 4th beaten 4l by Shaping Up (rec 5lb) with TASKING (rec 5lb) 7th beaten over 5l here (5f 161yd, firm).
CHOPPY CHOPPY last of 5 beaten 7¼l by Musicale (gave 5lb) in a group III at Goodwood (7f, good to firm)
ENCORE UNE FOIS 3rd beaten 2½l by Silk Tapestry (levels) at Chepstow (1m).
Selection: CHOPPY CHOPPY

4.35 COUNTY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,640: 1m 3f 144yd) (12 runners)

1 (8) 321145 CRUISE PARTY 59 (BF,F) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) W Jarvis 9-7 L Dettori 95
2 (5) 212-53 ALL THE KING'S MEN 11 (S) (C Wates) P Cole 9-4 T Quinn 96
3 (12) 10- BOMBE SUPRISE 360 (F) (G Carroll) J Gosden 9-0 W R Swinburn 80
4 (11) 2102 SHARP CIRCLE 44 (F) (Morven Stud Ltd) B Hills 8-13 D Holland 96
5 (4) 3-21 ARABIAN BOLD 20 (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) W Haggas 8-12 N Day ● 99
6 (7) 104455 AFFAIR TO REMEMBER 17 (G) (I Pilkington) P Walwyn 8-11 A Munro 94
7 (9) 61020 VASILIEV 12 (G) (M Parrish) R Hannon 8-8 J Reid 96
8 (10) 326 SIMPLY AFLAME 31 (D Larke) D Arbuthnot 8-2 M Hills 97
9 (1) 0-00236 HENLEY REGATTA 12 (B R B Owners Group (1990) Plc) G Balding 7-10 N Carlisle 98
10 (2) 235-040 SOMEONE BRAVE 13 (R Brodie) C Horgan 7-8 T Williams 97
11 (3) 0-02424 INTRICACY 77 (B) (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 7-7 R Fox 91
12 (6) 005400 GYPSY TRAIL 12 (G) (Mrs V Kraft-Payson) M Francis 7-7 C Hawksley (7) 88

Long handicap: Intricacy 7-4, Gypsy Trail 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Arabian Bold, 7-2 All The King's Men, 5-1 Cruise Party, 6-1 Sharp Circle, 8-1 Bombe Surprise, 10-1 Affair To Remember, 12-1 Simply Aflame, 14-1 Henley Regatta, 16-1 others.

1990: FIGHTING BRAVE 8-7 Pat Eddery (7-2 fav) N Graham 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CRUISE PARTY 18l 5th to Beebob (rec 20lb) at Goodwood (1m 6f, good). ALL THE KING'S MEN 6½l 3rd to Pay Homage (gave 6lb) at Lingfield (1m 1f, good to firm)
BOMBE SURPRISE dead heated with Salmino (gave 5lb) at Edinburgh (1m, good to firm). SHARP CIRCLE 2l 2nd to Longshoreman (gave 24lb) at Lingfield (1m 3f 106yd, good to firm). ARABIAN BOLD beat Angel Love (rec 5lb) a nk at Lingfield (1m 4f, AW). AFFAIR TO REMEMBER 6l 5th to Pharamineux (rec 2lb) at Goodwood (1m 4f, firm). VASILIEV 7th to Belafonte (rec 8lb) with HENLEY REGATTA (rec 8lb) 6th and GYPSY TRAIL (rec 12lb) 10th at Sandown (1m 3f). SIMPLY AFLAME 16l 6th of 7 to Mohican Girl (gave 7lb) at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, good to firm)
Selection: ALL THE KING'S MEN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
R Boss	3	7	42.9	W Ryan	3	13	23.1
G Harwood	16	51	31.4	M Hills	7	32	21.9
B Hills	23	83	27.7	A Munro	6	32	18.8
D Elsworth	11	57	19.3	J Reid	20	117	17.1
J Hills	4	21	19.0	R Cochrane	8	49	16.3
R Akehurst	7	38	18.4	D Holland	6	40	15.0

WOLVERHAMPTON

MANDARIN
2.15 Iron King.
2.45 Passed Pawn.
3.15 BILATERAL (nap).
3.45 Foolish Dancer.
4.15 Peace Plantation.
4.45 Welshman.

THUNDERER
2.15 *Stocktina.*
2.45 Passed Pawn.
3.15 Bilateral.
3.45 *Don't Worry.*
4.15 Master Eurolink.
4.45 Kayfaat.

RICHARD EVANS
4.15 *Ricky's Tornado.*

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.15 Bilateral.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.45 **DRUMHEAD.**

GOING: GOOD   DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE   SIS

2.15 BLACK COUNTRY HANDICAP (£2,589: 5f) (13 runners)

1 (3) 221031 FACTUELLE 12 (D,F,G,S) (R Hamer) M Fetherston-Godley 4-9-10 M Roberts 96
2 (4) 024000 LE CHIC 12 (CD,F) (J Warren) D Chapman 5-9-10 G Baxter ● 99
3 (11) 535403 TACHYON PARK 12 (B,D,F,G) (M Hollingsworth) P Howling 9-9-5 B Crossley 95
4 (9) 004000 R A EXPRESS 24 (D,G) (R Holdings Ltd) B McMahon 6-9-3 S Sanders (7) 89
5 (13) 300036 IRON KING 3 (D,F,G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 5-9-3 G Husband (5) 96
6 (12) 001024 CASTLE CARY 16 (D,G) (G Hopkins) J White 5-8-9 J Quinn 94
7 (2) 250600 BARBARA'S CUTIE 126 (A Fearn) M Blanshard 3-8-9 N Adams 91
8 (5) 350061 STOCKTINA 5 (D,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 4-8-8 (7ex) W Carson 92
9 (7) 315430 ALWAYS READY 23 (B,D,G,S) (G Steinberg) J Balding 5-8-7 G Carter 93
10 (1) 420000 ARC LAMP 14 (CD,G) (B Bruce) J Glover 5-8-5 Dale Gibson 93
11 (8) 200/000 SUPREME OPTIMIST 52 (B,G,S) (A White) R Peacock 7-8-1 F Norton (5) —
12 (10) 0000-00 COPPER TOP 75 (D,F) (B Kidd) H Collingridge 4-7-13 A Cruz 85
13 (6) 0-00038 THE SINGING MAN 55 (D,F) (B Leach) J Balding 5-7-11 R Price (5) 85

BETTING: 11-4 Factuelle, 7-2 Stocktina, 11-2 Tachyon Park, 8-1 Iron King, Le Chic, 10-1 Castle Cary, 12-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.45 SEDGELEY SELLING STAKES (£2,650. 1m 4f 70yd) (20 runners)

1 (12) 155658 TRUSS 10 (F) (A Leighton) C Smith 4-9-11 A Cruz 59
2 (16) 240-000 DRUMHEAD 88 (G,S) (J Naughton) Mrs L Stubbs 5-9-8 Pat Eddery ● 99
3 (15) 603-460 DUBLIN BREEZE 35J (S) (R McLaughlin) J Harris 4-9-8 R Perham (5) 69
4 (13) 000000 EVER SO SHARP 47 (B,F,G) (P Wheeler) J Smith 8-9-8 R Lappin 50
5 (7) 0/0/200- MILLPOND BOY 358J (S) (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-9-8 A Dicks 59
6 (14) 223665 PASSED PAWN 11 (D,S) (H Illingworth) M Tompkins 4-9-8 C Hodgson (5) 80
7 (18) 455105- SPRING TO GLORY 277J (D,G) (J Burr) R Hodges 4-9-8 R Price (5) 76
8 (4) 460-600 THUNDERING 11J (S) (A Jones) A Jones 6-9-8 S Cauthen 50
9 (2) 004005 ASH AMOUR 9 (S) (T Minahan) R Williams 4-9-3 D Biggs (5) 75
10 (17) 363006 MOLLY SPLASH 44 (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 4-9-3 K Fallon 78
11 (8) 030064 REPECHAGE 21 (CD,F) (B Bissell) B McMahon 4-9-3 R Hills 70
12 (5) 01-2322 SUPER VIRTUOSA 48 (BF,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-9-3 M Roberts 73
13 (19) 0 GABY 14 (Mrs J James) A James 3-9-0 S Dawson —
14 (11) 00-0020 HAVEYOUALLDONE 131 (D Churston) S Dow 3-9-0 G Carter 76
15 (9) 349000 OUR SLIMBRIDGE 14 (Mrs S Foster) C Williams 3-9-0 J Curant 82
16 (1) 003050 ANDERSON ROSE 10 (G) (J Anderson Hames) J H Wilson 3-8-12 M Wood 65
17 (10) 203015 EVADING 59J (G) (J Ponton) Miss S Wilton 3-8-12 F Norton (5) 78
18 (20) 0 JAMAICAN PUNCH 35 (W Said) D Morley 3-8-9 S Whitworth —
19 (3) 00 PRODIGAL MISS 23 (Mrs V Harrison) W Brisbourne 3-8-9 A Proud —
20 (6) 0-06000 SMASHER 23 (B) (F Reeder) R Williams 3-8-9 J Quinn 50

BETTING: 7-4 Super Virtuosa, 3-1 Passed Pawn, 7-2 Drumhead, 8-1 Evading, Repechage, 10-1 Anderson Rose, Spring To Glory, 12-1 others

1990: REPECHAGE 3-8-9 N Day (20-1) J Fanshawe 16 ran

3.15 CODSALL GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings. £2,488. 1m) (8 runners)

1 (2) 41 BANDMASTER 12 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) Mrs J Cecil 9-4 S Cauthen 94
2 (1) 31 BILATERAL 37 (G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-4 Pat Eddery 90
3 (8) 12024 CORALS DREAM 17 (S) (Mrs C Hanson) J J O'Neill 9-4 K Fallon ● 99
4 (4) 1 EID 13 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) D Morley 9-4 W Carson 79
5 (6) 05 DOUBLE LARK 7 (R Mason) R Hollinshead 8-11 S Perks —
6 (5) 0204 NORTH FLYER 20 (R Shaw) B McMahon 8-11 S Sanders (7) 77
7 (3) TRONCHETTO (Lord Derby) M Prescott 8-11 C Nutter —
8 (7) 5 TUDOR DA SAMBA 11 (Mrs M Watt) John FitzGerald 8-11 R Hills 56

BETTING: 15-8 Bilateral, 11-4 Bandmaster, 7-2 Corals Dream, 9-2 Eid, 16-1 Double Lark, 20-1 others.

1990: LIBK 9-5 R Hills (4-1) H Thomson Jones 12 ran

3.45 OAKEN LODGE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O fillies. £2,650: 7f) (17 runners)

1 (3) 5663 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 13 (21st Century Racing) C C Elsey 9-7 D Harrison (7) 91
2 (16) 023 MERRYHILL MADAM 28 (H Cushing) J Harris 9-6 R Perham (5) 93
3 (10) 324145 STORMSWEPT 30 (S) (R Sangster) J Berry 9-6 G Carter 94
4 (17) 00234 MONOROSE 21 (Monolithic Refractories Ltd) D Haydn Jones 9-4 S Whitworth 91
5 (14) 304345 CRACKLING 13 (D Marchant) D Marks 9-0 Antoinette Armes (7) 95
6 (15) 0003 ROCALITY 16 (G Mizel) R Hannon 8-12 M Roberts 88
7 (2) 100 PRIMA BERGERAC 91 (F) (G Iremmee) W Carter 8-12 — 91
8 (5) 534000 PERSIAN EMPRESS 11 (Mrs B Facchino) B McMahon 8-11 S Sanders (7) 96
9 (1) 036125 AMOUREUSE 45 (C,G) (R Jones) E Owen Jr 8-10 C Dwyer ● 99
10 (7) 004 EVENING DRESS 16 (C Donald) T Thomson Jones 8-10 W Carson 88
11 (4) 6043 DON'T WORRY 16 (BF) (Fant Cottage Stables) M Tompkins 8-8 Dale Gibson 95
12 (11) 350420 FOOLISH DANCER 14 (D Bennett-Baggs) B Millman 8-8 G Baxter 95
13 (6) 003 STELLA DUCHI 80 (L Fischer) M Francis 8-7 A Cruz 91
14 (13) 060 COURTING NIECE 25 (Sheikh Mohammed) Lord Huntingdon 8-6 Pat Eddery 87
15 (8) 004510 RUSTIC WEDDING 30 (CD,G) (B R B Plc) G Balding 8-5 A McGlone 91
16 (9) 02045 GOLDEN PROPOSAL 30 (B) (Vintage Racing) M Bell 8-4 R Hills 90
17 (12) 000 GOGOLETTE 24 (M O'Neill) M O'Neill 8-2 D Biggs (5) 85

BETTING: 6-1 Merryhill Madam, Rocality, 7-1 Rustic Wedding, 8-1 Don't Worry, 10-1 Monorose, Princess Of Orange, Stormswept, 12-1 Crackling, Stella Duchi, 14-1 Amoureuse, Foolish Dancer, 16-1 others

1990: MAGGIE SIDDONS 8-8 G Duffield (12-1) C Hill 17 ran

4.15 EBF DUDLEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,569: 5f) (17 runners)

1 (4) 65 ABELONI 13 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) A Scott 9-0 G Carter 84
2 (8) 332 ALPHONSO 12 (Mrs A Daniel) M Johnston 9-0 R P Elliott 92
3 (11) 0 ARTISTIC REEF 13 (R Mohammed) G Eden 9-0 Pat Eddery 82
4 (12) BATTLE COLOURS (G Insoll) M Prescott 9-0 C Nutter —
5 (16) 0050 BLACK MOSS 20 (Mrs J Brown) D Haydn Jones 9-0 S Whitworth 77
6 (10) 504 CAL'S BOY 107 (G Hamilton) J Smith 9-0 R Lappin 62
7 (2) 0 MARCUS JACK 7 (J Munin) Mrs A King 9-0 J Quinn —
8 (13) MASTER EUROLINK (Eurolink Computer Services Ltd) J Berry 9-0 N Adams —
9 (6) 0 MISTER JOLSON 47 (J Mursell) R Hodges 9-0 W Carson 63
10 (3) NEARLY MARCH (V) (K Gray) J Balding 9-0 R Price (5) —
11 (17) 000 OSSIE 17 (J Knowles) B Palling 9-0 A McGlone 61
12 (5) 4 PEACE PLANTATION 128 (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 R Hills 76
13 (15) 3 RICKY'S TORNADO 17 (B Cullen) D Elsworth 9-0 S Cauthen ● 99
14 (14) 6 RUNNING FOR COVER 146 (R Griffin) J J O'Neill 9-0 K Fallon —
15 (7) 02335 SADDLEHOME 16 (Hyde Sporting Promotions) R Whitaker 9-0 A Culhane 85
16 (9) 0 EASY DOES IT 20 (21st Century Racing) C C Elsey 8-9 Dale Gibson —
17 (1) 64 QUEEN OF BEAUFORT 21 (Manny Bernstein (Racing) Ltd) P Felgate 8-9 M Roberts 77

BETTING: 13-8 Ricky's Tornado, 9-2 Abuloni, 11-2 Master Eurolink, 6-1 Alphonso, 8-1 Running For Cover, Saddlehome, 10-1 Peace Plantation, 14-1 others

1990: NEGEEN 8-9 M Roberts (1-2 fav) A Stewart 8 ran

4.45 WEST MIDLAND HANDICAP (£2,752: 1m 6f 134yd) (14 runners)

1 (8) 10-1015 JOKERS PATCH 21 (C,F,S) (Mrs L Webb) R Holder 4-10-0 N Adams 94
2 (7) 0/04546- THIRTY FIRST 16J (F) (M Wood) R Peacock 6-9-8 S Whitworth 90
3 (12) 0-44230 DALBY DANCER 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Benbow) B McMahon 7-9-5 W Carson ● 99
4 (1) 0065- MATUSADONA 251J (Dr C Ashpole) J Harris 4-9-3 R Perham (5) 80
5 (2) 2504-52 CASPIAN MIST 91 (S) (B Nelson) R Hollinshead 6-9-2 S Perks 88
6 (4) 255305 WELSHMAN 2 (D,S) (B Orton) M Blanshard 5-9-0 M Roberts 98
7 (3) 054401 KAYFAAT 21 (CD,F) (Kinch Bulk Haulage (Leicester) Ltd) M Pipe 3-9-0 Pat Eddery 95
8 (11) 3210-26 COSMIC DANCER 147J (C,F) (D Woods) A Hide 4-8-13 A McGlone 89
9 (10) 0/06265- DARING JOY 325 (Miss A O Malley) B McMahon 4-8-12 R Hills 89
10 (6) 0330 RIMOUSKI 20 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 3-8-11 S Cauthen 98
11 (14) 0043 MANDIKA 35 (R Capon) M Jarvis 3-8-11 G Carter 94
12 (5) 040-005 BURRACOPPIN 10 (H Chismon) Mrs B Waring 4-8-11 N Howe 95
13 (13) 0/0020-0 ANDRELOT 35 (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 4-8-11 V Smith 95
14 (9) 820144 BYE BYE BABY 11 (G) (Rogan Langton) S Dow 3-8-10 M Jermy (7) 98

BETTING: 5-1 Dalby Dancer, 5-1 Kayfaat, Mandika, 8-1 Caspian Mist, 10-1 Bye Bye Baby, 12-1 Cosmic Dancer, Rimouski, 16-1 Jokers Patch, Welshman, 25-1 others

1990: TURMERIC 7-9-4 S Whitworth (17-2) D Morley 11 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	13	42	31.0	Pat Eddery	28	108	25.9
John FitzGerald	5	19	26.3	S Cauthen	13	51	25.5
M Stoute	8	36	22.2	M Roberts	25	134	18.7
M Jarvis	7	38	18.4	W Carson	21	113	18.6
D Morley	5	30	16.7	G Carter	11	64	17.2
M Prescott	6	37	16.2	D Biggs	3	22	13.6

HAMILTON PARK

MANDARIN
2.00 Able Player. 2.30 No Hard Feelings. 3.00 Love Returned. 3.30 Anna Manana. 4.00 Naked Truth. 4.30 Act Of Union. 5.00 A Little Precious.

THUNDERER
2.00 Beaumood. 2.30 Dawn Grey. 3.00 Love Returned. 3.30 Regal Passion. 4.00 Naked Truth. 4.30 Oreo Cookie. 5.00 B Grade.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.00 LOVE RETURNED (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT   SIS
DRAW: 6F 5YD, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 CAPTAIN J C STEWART MEMORIAL HANDICAP (£2,868: 1m 4f 17yd) (18 runners)

1 -140 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 194 (D,F) J Bottomley 5-9-13 G Bardwell 8
2 3004 MY CHIARA 9 (CD,F) M Usher 5-9-9 — 15
3 1552 TANODA 77 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 5-9-7 S Maloney (5) 17
4 0326 FEN PRINCESS 21 P Haslam 3-9-6 J Fanning (3) 2
5 4640 MUNDAY DEAN 73 (G) M Prescott 3-9-5 G Duffield 6
6 0533 MARANDISA 9 (D,F) H Whiting 4-9-5 S Webster 3
7 11-0 FISHKI 145 (CD,F,S) M Hammond 5-9-4 B Raymond 1
8 50-0 WEST WITH THE WIND 163J (F) G Moore 4-9-2 J Fortune 13
9 /650 MYSTICAL GUEST 19 J Bostock 5-9-2 K Darley 16
10 3420 SAINT BENET 68 W Pearce 3-9-0 D Nicholls 5
11 3100 ABLE PLAYER 17 (B,D,F) C Thornton 4-8-13 A Mackay 14
12 4613 FREE MINX 9 (CD,F) Mrs V Aconley 5-8-12 Paul Burke 9
13 1530 BEAUMOOD 31 (V,C,D,F,G,S) C Tinkler 5-8-9 M Birch 11
14 0055 IN TRUTH 65 (C,D,F,S) D Chapman 3-8-8 S Wood 18
15 4350 BE VISIBLE 3 M Johnston 3-8-4 Dean McKeown 7
16 3524 DERRY REEF 7 Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-2 N Connorton 4
17 1246 TRICOTRIC 12 (D,S) G Moore 4-8-2 N Kennedy (5) 12
18 1524 REXY BOY 7 (CD,G) W Pearce 4-8-1 J Lowe 10

4-1 Tricotric, 9-2 Fishki, 7-1 Fen Princess, 10-1 Beaumood, Derry Reef, 12-1 My Chiara, 14-1 Free Minx, Saint Benet, 16-1 others.

2.30 SHAWFIELD CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,427: 1m 3f 16yd) (11)

1 6151 DAWN GREY 65 (C,G,S) C Thornton 9-0 J Fanning (3) 1
2 5130 IVAN THE TERRIBLE 38 (G) Miss S Wilson 8-10 B Raymond 4
3 1110 NO HARD FEELINGS 14 (CD,BF,F,G,S) N Tinkler 8-7 K Darley 11
4 0455 BOLGHERI 55 Don Enrico Incisa 8-4 Kim Tinkler 8
5 0-0 GO GOTT 84 R Bastiman 8-4 H Bastiman (7) 3
6 2000 TRICYCLING 2 (B) J Berry 8-4 G Duffield 6
7 -454 SEME DE LYS 4J (V) G Richards 8-1 J Lowe 5
8 4530 LIFETIMES AMBITION 2 E Alston 8-0 Paul Burke 9
9 00-6 WOTAMISTAKATOMAKA 30 R Whitaker 8-0 L Charnock 2
10 3465 DREAM ON 2 M Johnston 7-13 S Maloney (5) 7
11 00-0 GALAXY GLOW 7 P Beaumont 7-11 N Kennedy (5) 10

9-4 No Hard Feelings, 3-1 Dawn Grey, 6-1 Ivan The Terrible, 7-1 Tricycling, 10-1 Dream On, 16-1 Lifetimes Ambition, 20-1 others.

3.00 WHISTLEBERRY STAKES (£2,898: 6f 5yd) (8)

1 0-00 ARABAT 12 (F,S) H Whiting 4-9-10 S Webster 3
2 2006 HACIENDA 23 (C,D,F) Mrs L Stubbs 4-9-10 D Nicholls 7
3 -000 HALEIM 12 (B,D,G) J Scargill 4-9-6 S Wood 6
4 0630 LOVE RETURNED 10 (C,D,F,G,S) W Jarvis 4-9-5 G Duffield 8
5 0320 IKTESHAF 20 (D,F) B Hanbury 3-9-3 B Raymond 5
6 0200 MEESON TIMES 52 (D,F) B Ellison 3-8-12 Dean McKeown 1
7 3200 REVEL 9 L Lungo 3-8-11 K Fallon 4
8 0450 GRANNY MC 3 E Alston 4-8-9 J Fanning (3) 2

11-8 Love Returned, 9-4 Ikteshaf, 8-1 Hacienda, 10-1 Arabat, 12-1 Haleim, Revel, 20-1 Granny Mc, 25-1 Meeson Times.

☐ The John Dunlop-trained juvenile Albijaz (Willie Carson) won the £20,761 listed Premio Rumon (1m) in Rome yesterday by six lengths. He may return to Italy for the group one Gran Criterium at Milan on October 26. Henry Cecil's Ocean Air (Lester Piggott) fared best of the British challengers in the group two Premio Lydia Tesio, finishing second to the locally-trained Lara's Idea.

☐ Temporal, the mount of Frankie Dettori, finished second to stablemate All Top in the £41,522 group two Deutsches St Leger (1m 6f) at Dortmund yesterday.

☐ Ben Hanbury's Tik Fa (Bruce Raymond) was fifth to Call Collect in the £20,367 group three Prix Saint-Roman (9f) at Evry on Saturday.

3.30 CADZOW SELLING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,691: 1m 65yd) (18)

1 0300 PRINCESS MAXINE 11 Miss L Perratt 9-7 J Fortune 5
2 0040 REGAL PASSION 6 (B) M H Easterby 9-2 K Darley 16
3 2323 ANNA MANANA 35 (BF) W Pearce 9-1 D Nicholls 3
4 8425 THE METROPOLE 31 J Johnson 9-0 Dean McKeown 8
5 5532 BETWEEN TWO FIRES 12 (B,BF,F) J Berry 8-13 S Haworth (7) 4
6 0506 WILMOTTS 6 (B) M W Easterby 8-11 G Duffield 7
7 4433 REACH FOR GLORY 46 R Whitaker 8-10 M Herrington (7) 17
8 0540 ELGIN 42 (B) Miss L Perratt 8-10 A Mackay 13
9 0645 CYRILL HENRY 12 T Barron 8-8 Alex Greaves 15
10 4050 HOT SEAT 51 J Bottomley 8-6 Paul Burke 9
11 655 INVIGILATE 14 H Whiting 8-5 S Webster 14
12 0004 PERSIAN HAZE 20 (V) Miss S Hall 8-4 N Connorton 2
13 6600 SO REFINED 68 M H Easterby 8-4 M Birch 11
14 0060 STONYGARTH 49 J Edwards 8-4 J Lowe 18
15 4500 LADY RANDOLPH 8 I Campbell 8-1 G Bardwell 10
16 6000 BRILLIANT DISGUISE 11 (V) Miss L Perratt 8-0 J Fanning (3) 12
17 0000 PHILGUN 21 C W Elsey 7-12 L Charnock 1
18 0006 SHREWD INVESTMENT 20 (V) C Tinkler 7-12 S Maloney (5) 6

7-1 Between Two Fires, 8-1 Cyrill Henry, Reach For Glory, Shrewd Investment, 10-1 Invigilate, 12-1 Anna Manana, 14-1 others.

4.00 EBF BOTHWELL BRIDGE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,427: 1m 65yd) (13)

1 3606 BEE DEE ELL 30 Miss L Perratt 9-0 J Fortune 6
2 BOLD MOOD J Berry 9-0 Ron Hills (3) 2
3 5400 BROUGHPARK AZALEA 11 J J O'Neill 9-0 N Connorton 3
4 40 MR ZIEGFELD 14 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 5
5 SPEED OIL R Bastiman 9-0 Dean McKeown 6
6 0 STYLISH GENTLEMAN 20 C Tinkler 9-0 M Birch 11
7 00 YAAKUM 17 B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond 9
8 0 FOUNTAIN PLAZA 45 J Edwards 8-9 K Darley 4
9 6 MADAME SOURIRE 12 W Jarvis 8-9 D Nicholls 1
10 MARION'S WAY Miss L Perratt 8-9 A Mackay 7
11 02 NAKED TRUTH 23 M Stoute 8-9 J Lowe 10
12 00 RUN WITH BAILEYS 28 M Johnston 8-9 J Fanning (3) 13
13 005 STOPROVERITATE 11 S Norton 8-9 O Pears (7) 12

11-8 Naked Truth, 6-1 Bold Mood, 7-1 Stoproveritate, 10-1 Bee Dee Ell, 12-1 Broughpark Azalea, 16-1 Madame Sourire, 20-1 others.

4.30 EBF BOTHWELL BRIDGE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,427: 1m 65yd) (13)

1 34 ACT OF UNION 31 W Pearce 9-0 D Nicholls 6
2 30 ALLARME SOCIALE 12 B Hanbury 9-0 B Raymond 8
3 4 BRIGGS LAD 20 W Jarvis 9-0 G Duffield 11
4 BROUGHPARK JASMIN J J O'Neill 9-0 N Connorton 13
5 06 DICK WHITTINGTON 100 C Tinkler 9-0 M Birch 5
6 00 NOT GORDONS 49 J Johnson 9-0 L Charnock 4
7 000 RAMPANT GOSSIP 12 (B) M W Easterby 9-0 K Darley 7
8 456 ABSENT LYRIC 63 T Barron 8-9 Alex Greaves 10
9 56 ANNA PERENNA 31 G Moore 8-9 N Kennedy (5) 3
10 0 EMERALD EARS 11 E Weymes 8-9 Dean McKeown 12
11 24 OREO COOKIE 10 G Richards 8-9 J Lowe 2
12 2650 SPORT OF FOOLS 42 Miss L Perratt 8-9 A Mackay 9
13 000 TITIAN GIRL 11 Miss L Perratt 8-9 J Fanning (3) 1

5-2 Oreo Cookie, 4-1 Act Of Union, 9-2 Allarme Sociale, 6-1 Briggs Lad, 10-1 Absent Lyric, Rampant Gossip, 12-1 others.

5.00 STRATHCLYDE PARK HANDICAP (£3,874: 6f 5yd) (17)

1 2000 TOSHIBA COMET 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) W Pearce 4-10-0 D Nicholls 1
2 0-00 HIGHLAND HERO 18 (CD,S) M H Easterby 4-9-10 M Birch 18
3 0240 GORINSKY 10 (D,F,S) J Berry 3-9-8 Ron Hills (3) 6
4 -000 SWINGAWAY LADY 88 (D,F,S) G Richards 3-9-0 J Lowe 12
5 0035 SHEDAD 11 T Barron 3-8-12 Alex Greaves 8
6 2600 DUMBRECK 2 (C,D,F,S) Miss L Perratt 4-8-9 A Mackay 10
7 0640 LOOTING 6 (D,F,G,S) M Usher 5-8-1 — 2
8 0601 SULLY'S CHOICE 11 (B,C,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 10-8-1 S Wood 11
9 0032 A LITTLE PRECIOUS 14 (CD,BF,S) J Bostock 5-7-13 G Duffield 15
10 0135 MISS KNIGHT 8 (D,G,S) R Bastiman 4-7-12 H Bastiman (7) 14
11 -006 MIMINING 8 (D,G,S) G Moore 5-7-12 N Kennedy (5) 4
12 1020 NEVADA MIX 9 (CD,F,G) Miss L Perratt 7-7-11 J Fanning (3) 7
13 0005 DALEY BRIOCHE 21 (S) P Haslam 3-7-9 Nicola Howarth (7) 17
14 4000 STAMFORD BRIDGE 33 (F) M Brittain 3-7-9 S Maloney (5) 5
15 0020 B GRADE 10 (CD,S) J Balding 5-7-7 — 3
16 0000 JUBILATA 14 H Whiting 3-7-7 G Bardwell 9
17 0-00 JANE'S BRAVE BOY 42 (F,G,S) J Kinane 9-7-7 L Charnock 13

5-1 A Little Precious, 6-1 Nevada Mix, Sully's Choice, 7-1 Highland Hero, Miss Knight, 10-1 Toshiba Comet, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Edwards, 3 winners from 9 runners, 33.3%; B Hanbury, 7 from 22, 31.8%, W Jarvis, 4 from 15, 26.7%; Mrs J Ramsden, 11 from 43, 25.6%, M Prescott, 11 from 62, 17.7%; J Berry, 40 from 230, 17.4%.

JOCKEYS: B Raymond, 13 winners from 57 rides, 22.8%; J Fanning, 7 from 43, 16.3%; Dean McKeown, 32 from 199, 16.1%; K Darley, 39 from 275, 14.2%, D Nicholls, 22 from 183, 12.0%; M Birch, 19 from 171, 11.1%.

FONTWELL PARK

MANDARIN
2.00 Norstock. 2.30 They All Forgot Me. 3.00 Royal Square. 3.30 Up-A-Point. 4.00 Cock A Leekie. 4.30 Jamestown Boy.

THUNDERER
2.00 Norstock. 2.30 *They All Forgot Me.* 3.00 Wishlon. 3.30 Up-A-Point. 4.00 Cock A Leekie. 4.30 Jamestown Boy.

GOING: GOOD

2.00 SIDLESHAM SELLING HURDLE (£1,510: 2m 2f) (12 runners)

1 8623 GORDANO 12 (F) D Jenny 11-10 P Davies (7)
2 -241 NORSTOCK 26 (CD,F) J White 11-5 D Skyrme
3 0 ACCESS CRUISE 16 P Blockley 11-0 P Midgley (7)
4 PP-3 DEPARTURE 2 (G) R Juckes 11-0 M Fitzgerald (7)
5 NAILEM 7F R Hoad 11-0 M Hoad
6 34- PORT OF SPAIN 272 R Curtis 11-0 D Morris
7 -506 SANAWI 16 (B,F) A James 11-0 E Tierney (7)
8 -434 SWINGTIME BELLE 30 (B,F) M Muggeridge 11-0 W Irvine
9 00- TAWJIH 35F M Madgwick 11-0 D Madgwick (7)
10 THE MINDER 20F D Wilson 11-0 P Scudamore
11 0-5 VAIRAGYA 9 J Jenkins 11-0 R Dunwoody
12 450- PICASONG 63F R Curtis 10-9 C Llewellyn

15-8 Norstock, 9-2 Port Of Spain, 6-1 Vairagya, 15-2 Departure, 10-1 Access Cruise, 12-1 Gordano, 14-1 Picasong, 16-1 others.

2.30 NICKEL COIN CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap Chase: £2,709: 2m 4f) (3)

1 1F4- BRONZE FINAL 167 (CD,F,S) J Gifford 8-12-0 D Murphy
2 13P- POPESWOOD 170 (D,S) W Wightman 8-11-0 M Richards
3 3121 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 5 (C,D,F,G) T Casey 4-10-0 (5ex) R Dunwoody

11-10 Bronze Final, 15-8 They All Forgot Me, 9-4 Popeswood.

3.00 RANK CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap Hurdle: £2,238: 2m 2f) (5)

1 115- WISHLON 198 (F,G,S) R Smyth 8-12-0 L Dace (7)
2 10/ ROYAL SQUARE 30F (G,S) G Harwood 5-11-0 M Perrett
3 5111 RULING DYNASTY 26 (B,CD,F,G,S) M Usher 7-10-0 Gee Armytage
4 50-4 HIGHLAND BOUNTY 52 (CD,F,G) S Dow 7-10-0 A Dicken (7)
5 P6-0 CAPTAIN KRAYYAN 32 R Rowe 5-10-0 A Maguire (5)

13-8 Wishlon, 2-1 Ruling Dynasty, 11-4 Royal Square, 15-2 Highland Bounty, 25-1 Captain Krayyan.

3.30 HARRY DUFFEY CHALLENGE TROPHY (Handicap Chase: £2,537: 2m 2f 110yd) (4)

1 246- VINCANTO 276 (CD,F,G) J Gifford 9-11-10 D Murphy
2 4-11 UP-A-POINT 9 (F,S) P Hobbs 6-11-8 Peter Hobbs
3 -2F3 SOULFUL STRUT 10 (F,S) Miss L Bower 10-10-3 R Dunwoody
4 P13- SERIOZHA 137 (C,F) R Curtis 8-10-1 D Morris

4-7 Up-A-Point, 7-2 Vincanto, 6-1 Soulful Strut, 10-1 Seriozha.

4.00 WILLIS WRIGHTSON NOVICES CHASE (£2,076: 2m 2f 110yd) (7)

1 63-3 CLEVER SHEPHERD 11 P Hobbs 6-11-0 Peter Hobbs
2 300- COCK A LEEKIE 170 (F) D Barons 8-11-0 N Hawke
3 6F2- DISPORT 158 (B,F) W Wightman 9-11-0 D Madgwick (7)
4 3F/ HAWKES DALE 532 C Weedon 7-11-0 R Guest
5 /0-P MIKES BOYS 14 P Butler 7-11-0 E Byrne
6 000- YOUNG ALFIE 172 J Panvert 6-11-0 J Akehurst
7 0P-F MR FELIX 52 R Champion 5-10-12 T Grantham

8-11 Cock A Leekie, 7-2 Clever Shepherd, 5-1 Disport, 12-1 Mr Felix, 25-1 others.

4.30 EARTHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,292: 2m 2f) (12)

1 31 CHIMAYO 40 (CD,F) P Hedger 11-2 M Richards
2 51 FIERCE 14 (F) J Jenkins 11-2 R Dunwoody
3 1 JAMESTOWN BOY 35 (F) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-2 S Smith Eccles
4 5 BAYLORD PRINCE 52 J Ffitch-Heyes 10-10 E Byrne
5 CAHELIA 5F M Madgwick 10-10 D Madgwick (7)
6 EAGLE BID 14F S Dow 10-10 H Davies
7 2022 HOMILE 10F P Blockley 10-10 P Midgley (7)
8 ROMANIAN 17F A Davison 10-10 D Gallagher
9 TROJAN ENVOY 6F W Carter 10-10 G McCourt
10 CAROLE'S GUEST 20F C Holmes 10-5 D Skyrme
11 DESERT GEM 18F G Lewis 10-5 B Johnson
12 SCENTED GODDESS 14F J Moore 10-5 A Charlton

9-4 Jamestown Boy, 3-1 Chimayo, 7-2 Fierce, 13-2 Homile, 12-1 Eagle Bid, 16-1 Desert Gem, 20-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: G Pritchard-Gordon, 5 winners from 12 runners, 41.7%. G Harwood, 5 from 13, 38.5%: A Davison, 7 from 23, 30.4%. P Hobbs, 9 from 33, 27.3%, J White, 7 from 28, 26.9%; J Gifford, 38 from 157, 24.2%

JOCKEYS: P Scudamore, 21 winners from 65 rides, 32.3%, S Smith Eccles, 12 from 43, 27.9%, G McCourt, 8 from 29, 27.6%, N Hawke, 3 from 12, 25.0%, Peter Hobbs, 11 from 53, 20.8%: D Morris, 9 from 47, 19.1%

Blinkered first time

BATH: 2.05 Madam Petoski. 3.05 Age Of Miracles. 4.35 Intricacy. WOLVERHAMPTON: 2.45 Smasher. 3.45 Golden Proposal. 4.15 Nearly March. HAMILTON PARK: 2.00 Able Player. 2.30 Tricycling. 3.00 Haleim. 3.30 Elgin, Persian Haze. 4.30 Rampant Gossip

CARLISLE

MANDARIN
2.15 Al Frolic. 2.45 Zam's Slave. 3.15 Azubah. 3.45 Lyphar Dancer. 4.15 Azusa. 4.45 Direct Interest. 5.15 Jane's Feelings.

THUNDERER
2.15 Ace Of Diamonds. 2.45 Zam's Slave. 3.15 Solitary Reaper. 3.45 Lyphar Dancer. 4.15 Azusa. 4.45 Speech. 5.15 Jane's Feelings.

GOING: FIRM (HARD IN PLACES)

2.15 LANGDALE PIKE SELLING HURDLE (£1,470: 2m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

1 14-3 AL FROLIC 9F (G) P Monteith 4-11-1 L O'Hara
2 -223 ACE OF DIAMONDS 11 (S) F Storey 5-10-12 B Storey
3 060 ANOTHER MARCH 4 J Birkett 5-10-11 S Turner
4 04-2 STAND AT EASE 24 W Storey 6-10-11 K Doolan
5 24-P ROYAL MAZI 13 (B,CD,F) C Beever 4-10-10 G Bradley
6 2-6 POLLITTS PRIDE 45 G Moore 5-10-6 M Dwyer
7 PANDESSA 14F Mrs G Reveley 4-10-4 P Niven

2-1 Al Frolic, 7-2 Stand At Ease, 4-1 Ace Of Diamonds, 11-2 Pollitts Pride, 10-1 Royal Mazi, 12-1 Pandessa, 16-1 Another March.

2.45 CITY OF CARLISLE LEISURE SERVICES NOVICES CHASE (£2,029: 3m) (5)

1 5312 CAROGROVE 5 (F) J O'Shea 8-11-5 J Shortt
2 3-04 ORIENTAL DREAM 9 F Yardley 7-10-12 Martin Jones (3)
3 0 DROMIN FOX 2 W A Stephenson 5-10-9 A Merrigan
4 P-62 DOLITINO 2 Miss Z Green 7-10-7 J O'Gorman
5 -322 ZAM'S SLAVE 5 (F) J Charlton 6-10-7 Miss P Robson (7)

11-8 Carogrove, 15-8 Zam's Slave, 9-2 Oriental Dream, 10-1 Dolitino, 12-1 Dromin Fox.

3.15 CALOR GAS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,780: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 512- LORD RINUS 128 (F) J Goulding 4-11-10 C Dennis (3)
2 2-13 SOLITARY REAPER 13 (F) C Beever 6-11-10 W Marston (7)
3 120- AZUBAH 47F (G) G Moore 4-11-6 M Dwyer
4 142- TINA'S BRIG 128 (CD,F,G,S) C Parker 10-11-5 B Storey
5 1P/5 DESIGN WISE 17 (B,F,G) D Moffatt 7-11-3 D J Moffatt (7)
6 50-0 DAWAAM 36 B Wilkinson 5-10-12 A Larnach
7 /0P- WESTWARD DRIFT 206 F Jestin 6-10-5 Mr R Hale (7)

11-4 Solitary Reaper, 100-30 Azubah, 4-1 Lord Rinus, 9-2 Tina's Brig, 7-1 Dawaam, 16-1 others.

3.45 BLENCATHRA NOVICES HURDLE (£1,457: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 1 LYPHAR DANCER 37 (D,S) P Haslam 11-5 J Callaghan (3)
2 6 FAST FUN 19 C Parker 10-12 B Storey
3 MINKES BOY 11F J Wainwright 10-12 R Marley
4 433 SET THE STANDARDS 13 (BF) A Whillans 10-12 G Thomson (7)

6-5 Lyphar Dancer, 11-8 Set The Standards, 9-2 Fast Fun, 12-1 Minkes Boy.

4.15 SKIDDAW HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,697: 3m 100yd) (5)

1 1114 AZUSA 4 (C,D,BF,F,G) M Hammond 8-12-0 P Niven
2 23-P PALANQUIN 13 (B,D,F,S) W Reed 9-11-1 Miss P Robson (7)
3 00-P HOME TO ROOST 35 (CD,G,S) F Jestin 11-10-0 Miss J Thurlow
4 0-60 FINGERS CROSSED 17 (D,F,S) O Brennan 7-10-0 D Bridgwater (3)
5 U214 LAHARNA GIRL 23 (V,F,S) G Oldroyd 7-10-0 B McGill

1-2 Azusa, 5-1 Palanquin, 6-1 Laharna Girl, 10-1 Fingers Crossed, 12-1 Home To Roost.

4.45 SCAFELL HANDICAP CHASE (£2,607: 2m 4f) (3)

1 2222 SPEECH 16 (D,BF,F) W A Stephenson 9-11-13 C Grant
2 1313 DIRECT INTEREST 13 (F,G,S) Denys Smith 8-10-7 P Niven
3 244- CHIPCHASE 121 (D,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 11-10-0 L O'Hara

6-4 Speech, 7-4 Direct Interest, 2-1 Chipchase.

5.15 HELVELLYN STAKES NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,292: 2m 1f 110yd) (4)

1 BRACKENFIELD M Hammond 5-11-4 Mr S Lyons (7)
2 4- WASHAKIE 156 F Walton 6-11-4 Mr M Claxton (7)
3 JANE'S FEELINGS M H Easterby 4-11-2 L Mullaney (7)
4 00- PEPPERON 194 J Goulding 5-10-13 C Dennis (3)

5-4 Jane's Feelings, 7-4 Washakie, 9-2 Brackenfield, 7-1 Pepperon.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M H Easterby, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%: C Beever, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Hammond, 4 from 16, 25.0%; Mrs G Reveley, 7 from 29, 24.1%; G Moore, 11 from 49, 22.4%, C Parker, 9 from 53, 17.0%.

JOCKEYS: G Bradley, 3 winners from 10 rides, 30.0%; P Niven, 13 from 56, 23.2%, M Dwyer, 11 from 50, 22.0%; K Doolan, 7 from 43, 16.3%, Miss J Thurlow, 3 from 21, 14.3%; B Storey, 12 from 103, 11.7%.

The captain of Manchester United makes an irresistible claim for a return to the England team against Turkey

Robson too good to be ignored by Taylor

By STUART JONES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

BRYAN Robson is heading his own campaign for three distinctions. Should he maintain his level of fitness and irresistible form, the captain of Manchester United promises to finish the season with a championship medal, the title of footballer of the year and a century of England caps.

Rarely can one individual have been so dominant as Robson at White Hart Lane. From the moment his deft free kick released Hughes, to the time his astute header floated over Walker, his control of the emotionally charged fixture was more complete than even that of the referee.

Watching the convincing evidence was Graham Taylor. He is to announce in a week the England squad for the first competitive international of the season, the European championship qualifying tie at home against Turkey on October 16, and he must now choose whether to reverse a decision taken prematurely.

Bemusingly, he had dropped his captain for the corresponding game against the Turks last May and replaced him with the uncapped and less gifted Geoff Thomas. Moreover, Taylor has since introduced into midfield other equally improbable candidates, such as Batty and, most recently, Stewart, who was poignantly in direct opposition to Robson on Saturday.

The comparison between the two was reflected in the difference between their respective sides. Robson, though characteristically robust when challenging for possession, was contrastingly calm and measured once he had gained it. The less purposeful Stewart was unable to act as the eye of the storm and eventually he kicked one up himself.

Having already been booked for dissent, he illegitimately ended Pallister's strident run and was sent off. Tottenham Hotspur, markedly inferior even before they were numerically weakened, could cope no longer and were beaten by the man of the match. Robson was "brilliant" according to their manager, Peter Shreeves.

"He was always in the thick of it," he said, "and the pace was so furious that you had to be confident and talented to be able to put your foot on the ball. Sometimes, you have to admire a player even when he is not on your side."

Alex Ferguson would rather the plaudits were restricted. He fears that his most consistent and forceful inspiration this season might again find himself committed to country as well as club. The United manager believes that Robson, aged 34, is benefiting from an unusually prolonged summer break. "He's lovely and fresh," he said.

United, if not England, need Robson in his prime during the next couple of weeks. After the second leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup tie against Athinaikos on Wednesday, they are at home to Liverpool and then Arsenal.

Ferguson claims justifiably that other members of his team, nine of whom have scored already, are running into the height of their form. The most obvious example is Hughes. Timing his run perfectly for Giggs's through ball, he put United ahead with a characteristic touch of finesse.

The equaliser for Tottenham — who will probably be without Van den Hauwe for their Cup Winners' Cup tie against Hajduk Split — was controversial. Samways was permitted to strike a free kick on the half volley. Although it led to Durie's successful strike, the goal proved irrelevant. Robson, wholly appropriately, saw that justice was done.

MARC ASPLAND

On the slide: Stewart beats Hughes to the ball this time but he was later sent off during Tottenham's defeat

MATCH FACTS

At White Hart Lane Att: 35,087 Ref: G Ashby
Home league record v Man Utd: P 54, W 22, D 20, L 12

HT: 1-1	TOTTENHAM 1	MAN UTD 2
Scorers:	Durie 39	Hughes 22, Robson 86
Cautions:	Nayim 17, Samways 25 Stewart 49	—
Sent off:	Stewart 75	—
Subs:	Howells 85 (Nayim) Houghton 88 (Bergsson)	Blackmore 73 (Kanchelskis)

	TOTTENHAM		MAN UTD	
Shots (on target/total)	3	10	5	14
Corners (left/right)	1	1	4	4
Crosses (left/right)	9	13	18	14
Free kicks/pens conceded	19	—	17	—
Offsides		6		6
Possession (gained/lost)	38	111	44	110

TOTTENHAM (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
E Thorstvedt	—	—	—	—	—
G Bergsson	—	—	4	—	—
S Sedgley	—	4	—	2	1
Nayim	3	4	—	4	1
D Tuttle	—	—	1	—	1
G Mabbutt	—	—	—	—	5
P Stewart	—	—	—	4	—
G Durie	5	—	1	4	2
V Samways	1	—	2	2	1
G Lineker	1	1	2	—	4
P Allen	—	—	3	2	2
D Howells	—	—	—	—	—
S Houghton	—	—	—	—	—

MANCHESTER UTD (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
P Schmeichel	—	—	—	—	—
M Phelan	1	—	2	1	—
D Irwin	1	7	1	1	1
S Bruce	—	—	1	4	2
A Kanchelskis	—	—	1	1	1
G Pallister	1	—	—	3	1
B Robson	1	2	1	2	7
P Ince	4	—	—	1	—
B McClair	1	3	—	—	2
M Hughes	2	1	—	3	3
R Giggs	2	5	5	1	1
C Blackmore	1	—	3	—	—

Unused: M Donaghy

CONSIDERING the frenetic pace, there were few goal attempts that were on target, United with the edge, five to Tottenham's three; Manchester's wide play also earned them eight corners to Spurs' three. Robson was on the receiving end of much of the home side's tackling, fouled seven times, while Stewart was dismissed for his second bookable offence.

☐ Compiled by Julian Desborough

Wilkinson defends the role of Batty

Norwich City 2
Leeds United 2

By RUSSELL KEMPSON

HOWARD Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, was clearly tiring of the line of questioning. Yes, the boy Batty had done well again; yes, it was a bit of a risk making him captain; no, there were not any immediate plans for him to continue in the role.

"Week in, week out, David leads by example," Wilkinson said. "He doesn't like losing; his desire to win is frightening. The chance of giving him responsibility was worth taking. I was happy with the way he captained us today."

His irritation escalating, Wilkinson was thus relieved to be side-tracked on to the mundane matter of Leeds's crowded treatment room and updates on Strachan, Kamara, Rod Wallace, Fairclough and Haddock — strictly periphery items in the eyes of the interrogators.

Wilkinson will have to get used to debate on Batty, who led Leeds in the absence of the injured Strachan at Carrow Road on Saturday. His young midfield player mirrors Alan Ball in his prime — all heart and lung, hustle and bustle — and has already impressed Graham Taylor, the England manager.

Batty wins the ball with ankle-biting tenacity and can distribute it with equal ease. Once he gains the necessary guile to conquer the crafty opponent, and scores a few more goals to complement his aggression, he will be talked about even more.

Norwich City, as always, served up a strange mix. They displayed delightful one-touch movement going forward, yet often resorted to the agricultural when forced on the defensive.

An undistinguished stalemate of a first half — high on energy, low on content — preceded a burst of four goals in 16 minutes. Gordon prodded in the first to end Leeds's attempt of equalling their club record of six games without being breached.

Dorigo redressed the balance with a pile-driver of a free-kick, after Newman had been harshly penalised for handball, and Speed gave Leeds a 2-1 advantage in the 72nd minute.

Gunn's clearance was headed back by Whyte, and Speed, in solitary splendour, galloped on to fire past Gunn. "We pushed up for offside," David Stringer, the Norwich manager, said. "We were wrong to do it when we did."

Two minutes later, Sterland lost possession and Ullathorne crossed for Gordon to touch in his second. Only a smart stop from Lukic near the end, and Gordon's too flash attempt at an over-the-shoulder volley, prevented Leeds from losing their unbeaten tag.

NORWICH CITY: B Gunn, D Phillips, M Bowen, I Butterworth, P Blades, I Crook, D Gordon, R Fleck, R Newman, R Fox, R Ullathorne.
LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic, M Sterland, A Dorigo, D Batty, J McClelland, C Whyte, I Varadi (sub: C Shutt), S Hodge (sub: M Whitlow), L Chapman, G McAllister, G Speed.
Referee: P Jones.

New kid is out of his blocks

Southampton 0
Arsenal 4

By CLIVE WHITE

THE popular terrace taunt of "boring, boring Arsenal" has suddenly taken on a new connotation, as Southampton became the latest unfortunates to discover on Saturday when the maligned London club drilled enough holes below the opposition's Plimsoll line to have sunk the QE2.

Arsenal's play was worthy of enough respect that nobody should bet against them retaining their title, even with a nine-point deficit to clear and Manchester United rolling back the years.

It would be convenient to say that Ian Wright, who celebrated his League debut for Arsenal with three second-half goals, could be the difference between them retaining that title or not. Except that nobody could say with any confidence that Arsenal would not have scored four goals without Wright. After all, they managed 15 in three games before he arrived and four in their previous away game, when Wright was on the receiving end.

What is apparent is that the attacking permutations on offer to George Graham, the Arsenal manager, are not as numerous as some might imagine. There has to be a common denominator, namely Alan Smith. It was evident, from this game that when playing alongside an opportunist like Wright, the role of Smith will be more of a provider, while alongside Campbell's steamroller qualities, Smith should have more of a chance to share directly in the spoils, as he did against Austria Vienna the other week.

Graham's choice in Saturday's line-up was quite clearly between Wright and Kevin Campbell. Graham said that he selected Wright because the player was ineligible for the return leg of the European Cup tie in Vienna on Wednesday, which seems to suggest that he means to rotate his forwards in the way that Liverpool have done over the years. It will be a severe test of Graham's man-management ability to keep everyone happy all of the time, particularly as first-team football anywhere else in the first division could be taken for granted by any one of them.

For the time being, there appears to be a healthy competitiveness between them. Campbell apparently told Wright that he would be disappointed if Wright did not score three. "I was glad to," Wright said, "because I wouldn't like him bearing down on me."

It is Wright's opportunism which, perhaps, gives him the edge over his younger rival. Three chances, three goals. "Top money for a top player," as Graham put it. Wright's predilection for the right foot could cause him problems against smarter defences than Southampton's. His alacrity and elasticity will make it difficult for anyone to contain him, though, so long as he receives the quality of service like that with which Smith sent him clear for his second with a sublimely angled header.

If Smith was his personal valet, Rocastle was chaperon to the entire team. A career which has been in limbo for two years has suddenly taken off again as Rocastle has discovered, with refreshing zeal, a niche in central midfield.

It was just like the old times when Rocastle opened the scoring for Arsenal, following up on a shot from Wright in the first half. Just how nostalgic it had been was only realised later when it transpired that he and Wright grew up together, playing in kickabouts on the same estate in New Cross. The old kids on the block took some beating on Saturday.

SOUTHAMPTON: T Flowers; J Dodd, S Gray, B Horne, R Hall, N Ruddock, M Le Tissier, G Cockerill, A Shearer, I Dowie (sub: T Hurlock), D Lee.
ARSENAL: D Seaman; L Dixon, N Winterburn, M Thomas, A Linighan, A Adams, D Rocastle, I Wright, A Smith, P Merson (sub: K Campbell), A Limpar.
Referee: P Durkin.

City are out of their class

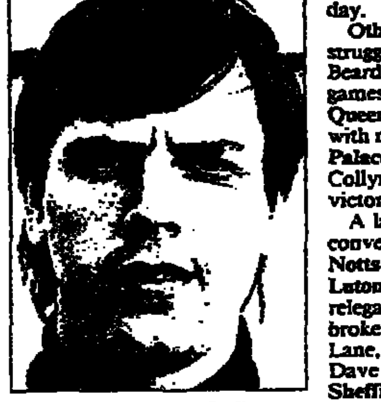
By PETER BALL

THE Premier League may be on its way, but some of the teams on the undercard in Saturday's first division programme were hard pressed to convince spectators that they were watching first division football, let alone a potential new product. "It hasn't been very Premier League so far," Ian Stott, the Oldham chairman, confessed at half-time at Maine Road.

By comparison with his manager, Stott's view was understated. Joe Royle's interval address consisted mainly of four-letter words. They had their effect as Manchester City's defence collapsed after the loss of Curle to allow Sharp his first League goals of the season, giving Oldham Athletic their first away points. "We needed that," Royle said, aware that the fight to claim a place in the Premier League is already under way.

In Saturday's programme Peter Swales, the City chairman, was eager to claim credit for his part in setting up the Premier League. "I believe I worked as hard as anybody to bring it about," Swales wrote. One wonders if football's Vicar of Bray will be quite so keen if City find themselves going down, as they could on Saturday's form.

The lack of quality elsewhere will probably save them. Like City, Aston Villa looked the better side but still lost their derby match away to Coventry City to a goal by the Zimbabwean international, Ndlovu. Nottingham Forest also continue to disappoint. Two goals by Small earned West Ham United a draw but Forest had the consolation of seeing Walker come off the bench for his first game since the opening day.



Sharp: brace for Oldham

Other potential or actual strugglers also earned a point. Beardsley's eighth goal in six games saved Everton at Chelsea. Queen's Park Rangers led 2-0 with nine minutes left at Crystal Palace, only for Bright and Collymore to deny them victory.

A late, and disputed penalty, converted by Johnson, enabled Notts County to draw against Luton Town, favourites for relegation. Not even a penalty broke the tedium at Bramall Lane, where the meeting of Dave Bassett's present and past, Sheffield United and Wimbledon, fulfilled every purist's fears.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League First division

CHELSEA (0) 2 Wilson 50 Wise 75 19,038	EVERTON (1) 2 Ebbrell 31 Beardsley 86
COVENTRY (1) 1 Ndlovu 40	A VILLA (0) 0 17,851
C PALACE (0) 2 Bright 81 Collymore 83 15,372	QPR (1) 2 Barker 5 Wegerle 58 (pen)
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 Houghton 17 37,071	SHEFF WED (0) 1 Harkes 68
LUTON (0) 1 Gray 69 7,629	NOTTS CO (0) 1 Johnson 89 (pen)
MAN CITY (1) 1 White 19 31,271	OLDHAM (0) 2 Sharp 55 64
NORWICH (0) 2 Gordon 58 74 15,828	LEEDS UTD (0) 2 Dorigo 62 Speed 72
NOTTM FOR (1) 2 Woan 4 Sheringham 77	WEST HAM (2) 2 Small 17 44 (pen) 25,613
SHEFF UTD (0) 0 16,062	WIMBLEDON (0) 0
SOTON (0) 0 18,050	ARSENAL (1) 4 Rocastle 39 Wright 48 53 75
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 Durie 39 35,087	MAN UTD (1) 2 Hughes 21 Robson 86

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	10	4	1	0	12	1	4	1	0	6	2	26
Leeds Utd	10	3	2	0	8	3	2	3	0	8	3	20
Arsenal	10	3	1	1	11	6	2	1	2	12	8	17
Sheff Wed	10	4	0	1	12	5	1	2	2	4	5	17
Chelsea	11	2	3	1	12	8	2	2	1	7	7	17
Coventry	11	4	1	2	10	3	1	1	2	4	7	17
Tottenham	8	1	0	2	4	5	4	1	0	12	6	16
Man City	11	3	0	3	8	8	2	1	2	4	6	16
Liverpool	9	3	2	0	8	4	1	1	2	3	4	15
Norwich	11	2	3	1	7	6	1	3	1	7	8	15
Notts Co	11	2	1	2	6	9	2	2	2	8	7	15
C Palace	9	2	1	2	10	12	2	1	1	8	7	14
Nottm For	10	3	1	1	12	9	1	0	4	7	8	13
Everton	11	2	3	0	9	4	1	1	4	7	11	13
Oldham	10	3	1	1	11	7	1	0	4	5	9	13
A Villa	11	2	1	2	6	4	1	2	3	6	10	12
Wimbledon	10	2	0	2	9	7	1	2	3	7	10	11
West Ham	11	1	2	2	5	6	1	3	2	7	9	11
QPR	11	0	4	1	5	7	1	2	3	5	10	9
Luton	11	2	2	1	5	4	0	1	5	1	19	9
Soton	11	1	1	4	4	13	1	1	3	5	7	8
Sheff Utd	11	1	2	3	4	8	0	1	4	7	14	6

FA CUP: Second round qualifying: Gateshead 6, Alnwick 0; Netherfield 2, Newcastle Blue Star 1; North Shields 3, Consett 1. Bridlington Town 4, Northallerton 0; Gretna 3, Bedlington Terriers 1; Murton 3, Garforth 1; Dunston FB 2, Penrith 2; Durham 1, Morecambe 4; Denaby 1, Fleetwood 0; Accrington Stanley 2, Knowsley 2; Curzon Ashton 1, Buxton 0; Colwyn Bay 2, Rhyl 0; Warrington 0, Marine 0; Mossley 1, Winsford 1; Droylsden 1, Bootle 1; Eastwood Hanley 3, Armthorpe Welfare 2; Southport 1, Stalybridge 2; Macclesfield 1, Borrowash Victoria 2; Emley 4, Horwich 2; Frickley 4, Alfreton 1; Lincoln 2, Oakham 0; Matlock 2, Solihull Borough 1; Boston 1, Tamworth 1; Burton 4, Willenhall 1; Hinckley 3, Shepshed Albion 3; Chasetown 1, Banbury 1; Gresley Rovers 3, VS Rugby 3; Alvechurch 3, Malvern 0; Nuneaton Borough 2, Corby 2; Bromsgrove 1, Rushden 0; Sutton Coldfield 1, Redditch 3; Kettering 3, Braintree 1; Heybridge Swifts 1, Mirrlees Blackstone 1; Kings Lynn 4, Purfleet 2; Tiptree 0, Harlow 6; Billericay 3, Sudbury 1; Chelmsford 1, Enfield 1; Lowestoft 1, Harwich and Parkeston 0; Grays 3, Redbridge Forest 1; Hendon 1, Baldock 2; Ford 0, Dartford 1; St Albans 1, Brimsdown 1; Wealdstone 2, Chesham 4; Berkhamsted 2, Leighton 0; Yeading 0, Slough 0; Hertford 2, Dulwich 1; Windsor and Eton 3, Fisher 2; Wokingham 1, Erith and Belvedere 2; Crawley 2, Sheppey 0; Bromley 3, Worthing 1, Faversham 0, Dover 0; Bognor 1, Burgess Hill 2; Dorking 3, Gravesend 4; Kingstonian 3, Lewes 2; Tooting and Mitcham 2, Peacehaven-Telscombe 0; Littlehampton 1, Hampton 3; Sittingbourne 1, Tonbridge 2; Marlow 2, Havant 1; Selsey 1, Romsey 6; Basingstoke 1, Horsham 1, Bashley 1, Maidenhead 1; Waterlooville 3, Thame 3; Salisbury 2, Poole 0; Dorchester 3, Witney 2; Trowbridge 3, Mangotsfield 0; Weymouth 1, Barry 1; Cheltenham 8, Taunton 0; Bath City 5, Maesteg 2; Worcester 2, Gloucester 1; Liskeard Athletic 5, Falmouth 1; Tiverton 0, Saltash 0; Shildon 2, Seaham Red Star 1.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury 4, Sutton Utd 4; Carshalton 0, Woking 2; Dagenham 1, Staines 0; Wivenhoe 1, Harrow 4. First division: Aveley 1, Walton and Hersham 0; Chalfont St Peter 1, Abingdon Town 3; Hitchin 1, Croydon 1; Molesey 4, Barking 0. Second division: Banstead Athletic 4, Southall 1; Hungerford 0, Leatherhead 0; Newbury 2, Egham 1; Rainham 1, Malden Vale 1; Ruislip Manor 1, Southwick 0; Saffron Walden 0, Hemel Hempstead 1; Witham 1, Harefield 3. Third division: Bracknell 4, Eastbourne 3; Clapton 2, Flackwell Heath 4; Collier Row 0, Royston 3; Feltham and Hounslow B 2, Cove 2; Kingsbury 1, Epsom and Ewell 1; Petersfield 0, Edgware 2; Tring 1, Tilbury 2.

Second division

BARNSLEY (0) 0 6,544	MILLWALL (1) 2 Rae 35 47
BLACKBURN (0) 0 11,449	TRANMERE (0) 0
BRIGHTON (1) 3 Codner 45 48 Byrne 85	BRISTOL R (1) 1 Saunders 26 6,392
BRISTOL C (0) 0 9,830	PORTSMTH (2) 2 Beresford 34 43 (pen)
CHARLTON (1) 2 Nelson 12 Leaburn 74	PORT VALE (0) 0 4,049
GRIMSBY (1) 1 Gilbert 40 6,621	IPSWICH (1) 2 Lowe 28 Johnson 55
MIDDLSBRO (2) 2 Slaven 1 Wilkinson 36	SUNDRLAND (0) 1 Brady 72 19,424
NEWCASTLE (0) 2 Hunt 78 Quinn 79 17,581	DERBY (1) 2 Davison 31 Ormondroyd 57
OXFORD (1) 3 Nogan 15 Simpson 87 Penney 88	PLYMOUTH (0) 2 Fiore 63 Barlow 84 3,726
SOUTHEND (0) 0 8,368	WOLVES (0) 2 Birch 61 Ashley 89
SWINDON (2) 3 Shearer 8 Simpson 45 Taylor 81	WATFORD (0) 1 Porter 69 8,863

Yesterday

CAMBRDGE (2) 5 Dublin 12 34 Claridge 47 52 Heathcote 72	LEICESTER (0) 1 Gordon 68 7,052

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbro	11	6	0	0	12	1	2	1	2	8	7	25
Ipswich	10	4	0	1	10	8	2	2	1	8	7	20
Cambridge	9	3	1	1	10	5	3	0	1	9	8	19
Swindon	9	4	1	0	12	5	1	1	2	9	8	17
Wolves	9	2	1	1	6	5	3	1	1	10	6	17
Leicester	9	4	0	0	9	1	1	1	3	4	12	16
Portsmth	9	3	1	0	5	0	1	2	2	4	7	15
Tranmere	9	2	2	0	9	7	1	3	1	6	5	14
Charlton	9	3	0	2	8	7	1	2	1	5	5	14
Southend	9	2	1	2	6	6	2	1	1	3	2	14
Grimsby	9	1	2	2	9	10	3	0	1	7	6	14
Brighton	10	2	1	2	9	8	2	1	2	6	7	14
Derby Co	10	2	1	2	7	6	1	3	1	5	5	13
Bristol C	10	3	2	1	8	7	0	2	2	5	8	13
Blackburn	9	2	2	1	4	3	1	1	2	3	5	12
Millwall	9	2	0	2	8	6	1	2	2	8	8	11
Sunderland	10	1	2	1	5	4	2	0	4	12	13	11
Watford	8	1	0	3	4	7	2	1	2	7	6	10
Port Vale	11	1	4	0	5	4	1	0	5	4	9	10
Plymouth	9	2	1	1	6	6	0	1	4	6	11	8
Barnsley	11	2	0	4	5	11	0	2	3	4	8	8
Oxford	9	2	1	2	9	8	0	0	4	3	9	7
Newcastle	10	0	4	1	8	9	1	0	4	6	11	7
Bristol R	9	1	1	2	8	9	0	1	4	3	9	5

Third division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 3 Matthewson 34 Gleghorn 71 Rodgerson 79	PRESTON (1) 1 Shaw 44 8,760
BRADFORD (0) 3 Torpey 57 58 Reid 85	SHRWSBRY (0) 0 5,324
BRENTFORD (2) 3 Holdsworth 3 50 Gayle 25	BOLTON (0) 2 Reeves 55 Darby 85 5,659
BURY (1) 1 Greenall 10 2,600	HARTLPOOL (0) 1 Gabbiadini 80
EXETER (0) 2 Daniels 58 77 3,383	READING (0) 1 Lovell 57
L ORIENT (1) 1 Day 40	HUDDRSFLD (0) 0 3,741
STOKE (2) 2 Biggins 14 (pen) 28 12,854	STOCKPORT (0) 2 Lillis 55 Francis 87
SWANSEA (0) 1 Legg 59	PETERBORO (0) 0 2,685
TORQUAY (2) 3 Holmes 8 Darby 19 Elliott 52	CHESTER (1) 2 Bishop 38 Rimmer 84 2,062
WBA (0) 1 Burgess 50	HULL (0) 0 11,932
WIGAN (0) 1 Powell 89 2,034	DARLINGTN (1) 2 Cook 9 Borthwick 90

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Brom	9	4	1	0	13	4	2	1	1	3	4	20
Birmingham	9	4	1	0	11	6	2	1	1	4	3	20
Brentford	9	4	0	1	14	9	2	0	2	4	4	18
Stockport	9	4	0	0	11	1	1	2	2	9	9	17
Huddersfld	9	2	2	0	3	0	2	2	1	11	9	16
Bradford	9	2	3	0	10	5	1	2	1	4	4	14
Shrewsbury	9	3	1	0	8	1	1	1	3	2	6	14
Stoke	9	2	3	0	9	7	1	2	1	4	4	14
Bolton	9	2	2	0	6	2	1	2	2	11	12	13
Bury	9	2	3	0	11	6	1	0	3	5	8	12
L Orient	9	2	3	0	7	5	1	0	3	7	9	12
Hartlepool	9	3	0	1	6	3	0	3	2	8	9	12
Fulham	9	2	1	1	5	2	1	2	2	4	7	12
Exeter	9	3	1	1	7	5	0	2	2	5	13	12
Bournemth	9	1	2	2	3	4	1	3	0	4	3	11
Hull	9	1	0	3	6	6	2	1	2	3	5	10
Reading	9	1	1	2	5	6	2	0	3	5	7	10
Peterboro	9	1	3	0	3	2	1	1	3	3	10	10
Darlington	8	1	0	3	4	6	2	0	2	5	5	9
Preston	9	1	3	0	8	5	0	2	3	3	8	8
Chester	9	2	0	2	5	3	0	1	4	6	11	7
Wigan	9	1	0	4	5	10	0	3	1	2	3	6
Torquay	9	2	0	3	8	8	0	0	4	2	10	6
Swansea	8	1	2	1	5	5	0	1	3	0	10	6

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland 3, Chorley 0; Gainsborough 0, Goole 2; Hyde 2, Bangor City 2; Leek 2, Whitley Bay 0. First division: Caernarfon 3, Harrogate 0; Eastwood Town 3, Congleton 4; Farsley Celtic 3, Newtown 2, Irlam 1, Lancaster City 1; Radcliffe Borough 3, Rossendale 2; Workington 0, Worksop 1.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Halesowen 1, Atherstone 1. Midland division: Bridgnorth 0, Bedworth 3; Hednesford 2, Grantham 1; Leicester Utd 0, Bilston 0; Newport AFC 5, RC Warwick 0; Stourbridge 2, Stroud 1; Yate 3, Dudley 3. Southern division: Ashford 2, Newport IOW 1; Bury 0, Buckingham 3; Dunstable 3, Burnham 1; Gosport Borough 0, Hastings 1; Hythe 1, Fareham 1.

Fourth division

BARNET (2) 3 Showler 30 Bull 35 (pen) 83	CARDIFF (1) 1 Dale 38 4,000
BLACKPOOL (1) 3 Eyres 45 Groves 61 Rodwell 80	ROTHERHM (0) 0 5,356
CARLISLE (1) 3 Fyfe 20 87 Barnsley 55 (pen) 2,148	WALSALL (0) 3 McDonald 61 Anderson 62 McLoughlin 82
CHESTRFLD (0) 2 Hawke 49 Williams 87	ALDERSHOT (1) 1 Puckett 6 2,801
CREWE (1) 2 Evans 29 McKearney 83	GILLINGHAM (0) 1 Trusson 74 (pen) 3,126
HEREFORD (3) 3 Heritage 1 Narbett 13 (pen) Lowndes 38	LINCOLN (0) 0 2,801
MAIDSTONE (1) 1 Nethercott 25	YORK (0) 0 1,037
ROCHDALE (1) 1 Bowden 32 2,653	DONCASTER (0) 1 Milner 72 og
SCARBORO (2) 3 Meyer 17 Mooney 21 Ashdjian 69	BURNLEY (1) 1 Lancashire 18 2,596
WREXHAM (2) 4 Humphries 24 og Watkin 27 85 Davies 59	SCUNTHRPE (0) 0 1,635

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackpool	9	4	1	0	11	2	2	1	1	5	3	20
Barnet	9	4	0	1	12	10	2	2	0	12	5	20
Hereford	9	5	0	0	13	2	1	1	2	1	4	19
Rochdale	8	2	3	0	5	3	3	0	0	6	2	18
Mansfield	8	1	1	1	5	3	4	1	0	9	3	17
Crewe	9	2	2	1	9	5	2	1	1	10	7	15
Rotherham	9	1	2	1	6	6	3	1	1	10	5	15
Walsall	9	2	1	1	7	3	2	1	2	6	10	14
Scunthorpe	9	3	1	0	7	3	1	0	4	4	13	13
Chesterfld	8	2	0	3	5	5	2	0	1	3	4	12
Burnley	8	2	1	1	6	2	1	0	3	6	8	10
Northamptn	7	1	2	0	6	4	1	2	1	4	4	10
Wrexham	9	2	2	1	8	4	0	2	2	3	8	10
Cardiff	9	2	0	2	5	5	0	4	1	5	7	10
Lincoln	8	0	0	3	1	10	3	0	2	6	5	9
Gillingham	8	2	1	0	9	3	0	1	4	3	9	8
Aldershot	8	1	1	1	6	5	1	1	3	3	8	8
Scarboro	9	2	1	2	6	6	0	1	3	3	9	8
Halifax	8	0	2	3	2	9	2	0	1	4	4	8
Maidstone	9	2	1	2	4	5	0	1	3	3	11	8
York	8	1	2	1	4	4	0	2	2	2	4	7
Carlisle	9	0	1	4	6	12	1	2	1	7	5	6
Doncaster	9	1	0	3	4	10	0	1	4	4	9	4

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Sligo Rovers 2, Cork City 1.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Arsenal 4, Ipswich 0; Portsmouth 3, Fulham 1.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Postponed: Manchester Utd v Aston Villa.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena 1, Larne 1; Bangor 1, Omagh Town 3; Carrick 1, Portadown 4; Cliftonville 0, Linfield 1; Distillery 1, Ballyclare Comrades 1; Glenavon 2, Crusaders 1; Glentoran 6, Coleraine 1; Newry 1, Ards 2.

GM Vauxhall Conference

ALTRNCHM (1) 2 Daws 12 Rudge 60 1,048	RUNCORN (1) 2 Saunders 44 Withers 50 (pen)
BARROW (1) 6 Slater 45 Horne 47 og Wheatley 49 Doherty 57 63 Procter 72	WELLING (1) 1 Robbins 13 1,129
FARNBORO (1) 1 Coombes 5 560	WITTON (0) 1 Stewart 81 (pen)
KIDDRMSTR (1) 1 Howell 42	NORTHWICH (0) 0 929
MERTHYR (1) 2 Webley 11 Williams 82	YEOVIL (1) 2 Carroll 39 67 818
WYCOMBE (0) 1 Guppy 56 5,188	COLCHESTR (0) 2 Smith 49 Barrett 89

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe	9	3	0	2	8	6	4	0	0	9	3	21
Telford	10	4	1	1	17	10	2	1	1	8	4	20
Farnboro	9	1	1	2	4	7	5	0	0	9	3	19
Colchester	9	3	0	1	13	3	2	3	0	10	7	18
Macclesfld	9	2	1	1	8	5	2	2	1	3	3	15
Altrincham	10	2	4	0	10	6	1	1	2	6	8	14
Welling	11	0	3	2	6	10	3	2	1	12	11	14
Boston	7	2	1	1	9	7	1	2	0	6	4	12
Northwich	8	2	1	2	12	8	1	0	2	5	5	10
Witton	8	1	1	1	6	6	1	3	1	6	6	10
Kettering	7	1	2	0	4	3	1	2	1	4	5	10
Merthyr	9	1	3	1	8	8	1	1	2	3	5	10
Slough	7	2	0	2	6	8	1	1	1	2	2	10
Barrow	10	2	2	1	9	3	0	2	3	4	13	10
Kidderminstr	9	2	1	1	8	7	1	0	4	8	12	10
Cheltenham	8	1	2	2	2	5	0	3	0	7	7	8
Runcorn	8	0	3	1	4	6	1	2	2	5	7	8
Yeovil	8	2	0	2	3	3	0	1	3	1	9	7
Bath	7	0	0	2	0	4	2	1	2	6	[illegible]	7
Stafford	8	0	2	2	1	4	1	1	2	2	7	6
Redbridge F	5	1	1	1	4	1	0	1	1	3	4	5
Gateshead	7	0	1	2	1	4	0	1	3	5	9	2

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper 1, Thackley 1; Eccleshill 1, Sutton Town 3; Glasshoughton Wel 0, Spennymoor 1; Liversedge 4, Pontefract Col 2; Maltby MW 3, North Ferriby 4; Ossett Town 1, Brigg 1; Sheffield 2, Harrogate RA 1; Winterton Rangers 3, Ossett Albion 0.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Blyth Spartans 0, Guisborough 2; Brandon 2, South Bank 3; Ferryhill Athletic 4, Peterlee Newtown 0; Langley Park Welfare 1, Tow Law 1; West Auckland 1, Easington Colliery 0; Whickham 0, Whitby 5

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chatteris 0, Great Yarmouth 1; Clacton 0, Haverhill 0; Felixstowe 1, Newmarket 2; Gorleston 0, Cornard 1; Norwich 2, March Town 1; Stowmarket 2, Watton 1; Thetford 1, Wroxham 4; Wisbech 1, Brantham Athletic 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chard 1, Dawlish 3; Elmore 0, Clevedon 1; Exmouth 2, Weston super Mare 4; Frome 1, Bideford 6; Ottery St Mary 2, Minehead 3; Torrington 0, Welton 2

B and Q Scottish League Premier division

AIRDRIE (1) 1 Balfour 11 4,000	ST JOHNSTN (0) 2 Turner 57 72
DUNDEE U (2) 2 Malpas 21 (pen) Bollan 37	MOTHRWLL (1) 2 Angus 32 Dolan 85 6,944
DUNFRLNE (1) 1 Moyes 16 4,428	ST MIRREN (1) 4 Irvine 23 Charnley 59 Lambert 62 Broddle 67
FALKIRK (1) 1 McAllister 32 9,000	HEARTS (2) 2 Crabbe 7 Millar 42
HIBERNIAN (0) 1 McGinlay 80 17,500	CELTIC (1) 1 Nicholas 39
RANGERS (0) 0 36,330	ABERDEEN (0) 2 Jess 72 Grant 88

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hearts	9	2	2	0	4	1	5	0	0	11	8	16
Aberdeen	9	2	1	1	6	3	4	1	0	8	1	14
Rangers	9	3	1	1	13	3	3	0	1	6	2	13
Hibernian	9	3	2	0	10	5	1	3	0	3	2	13
Celtic	9	2	1	1	7	4	2	1	2	8	7	10
Dundee Utd	9	2	2	1	12	7	0	3	1	3	4	9
Motherwell	9	2	1	1	5	2	1	2	2	4	7	9
St Johnstone	9	1	1	2	4	5	2	1	2	5	10	8
Falkirk	9	1	1	3	5	8	1	2	1	6	8	7
Airdrie	9	0	0	5	4	9	2	0	2	7	8	4
St Mirren	9	0	1	3	4	7	1	1	3	6	10	4
Dunfermline	9	0	1	4	4	11	0	0	4	0	13	1

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Blackpool Rovers 4, St Helens 0; Darwen 0, Atherton LR 0; Flixton 2, Maine Road (Man) 3; Nantwich 1, Prescot 1; Skelmersdale 1, Great Harwood 1; Vauxhall GM 4, Bradford Park Avenue 2.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Afan Lido 0, Aberystwyth 4; Bridgend 2, Brecon 0; Caldicot 1, Abergavenny 1; Ferndale 4, Maesteg 0; Inter Cardiff 0, Cwmbran 0; Llanelli 1, Ebbw Vale 0; Ton Pentre 3, Briton Ferry 4.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 1, Dundalk 2; Bohemians 1, Shamrock Rovers 1; Bray Wanderers 0, Shelbourne 1, Drogheda Utd 0, Galway Utd 0; St Patrick's Athletic 0 Derry City 1. Leading positions (after five matches): 1, Derry City, 10pts; 2, Dundalk, 9; 3, Shamrock Rovers, 7

ITALIAN LEAGUE: Cagliari 0, Torino 1, Cremonese 1, Atalanta 2; Fiorentina 0, Roma 1, Foggia 1, Parma 1, Juventus 2, Bari 0, Lazio 0, Internazionale 1, Naples 3, Verona 1, Sampdoria 4, Ascoli 0. Abandoned: AC Milan v Genoa. Leading positions (after five matches): 1, Juventus, 8pts; 2, Sampdoria, 7, 3, Naples, 7.

GERMAN LEAGUE: Dynamo Dresden 0, MSV Duisburg 0; Schalke 3, Karlsruher SC 1, Fortuna Düsseldorf 0, Werder Bremen 0; Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Borussia Dortmund 0; Hamburger SV 1, VfB Stuttgart 1; Kaiserslautern 4, Borussia Mönchengladbach 2; Stuttgarter Kickers 1, Hansa Rostock 1; VfL Bochum 0, Bayer Leverkusen 2; FC Nuremberg 1, Bayern Munich 1; FC Cologne 1, Wattenscheid 1. Leading positions (after 11 matches). 1, Eintracht Frankfurt, 15pts; 2, VfB Stuttgart, 15; 3, Bayer Leverkusen, 15.

First division

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 814	STIRLING A (1) 1 Moore 18
FORFAR (0) 0 1,525	PARTICK (1) 3 McGlashan 15 Adam 47 og Farningham 51
KILMARNCK (1) 1 Campbell 2	RAITH R (0) 0 3,385
MEADWBNK (0) 3 Irvine 54 63 Sprott 83 400	HAMILTON (2) 3 McCluskey 16 Harris 30 McKee 73
MONTROSE (0) 1 Mackay 73 2,147	DUNDEE (0) 2 Jamieson 77 Campbell 84 (pen)
MORTON (1) 3 Mathie 41 Ferphy 54 og McArthur 61 2,601	AYR UTD (1) 4 Fraser 25 Shaw 70 McClain 82 McAllister 90

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dundee	9	4	0	0	12	4	4	0	1	9	7	16
Partick	9	4	0	0	8	0	3	1	1	9	4	15
Ayr Utd	9	3	0	1	12	3	3	1	1	12	10	13
Morton	9	3	0	2	11	13	2	2	0	7	3	12
Hamilton	9	1	3	0	6	2	2	2	1	9	10	11
Kilmarnock	9	1	3	1	3	3	1	1	2	5	6	8
Raith R	9	2	1	1	4	2	1	0	4	2	9	7
Clydebank	9	1	1	3	6	7	1	1	2	6	6	6
Montrose	9	1	2	2	8	10	0	2	2	3	7	6
Meadowbank	9	1	1	3	7	8	1	1	2	6	14	6
Stirling A	9	0	1	3	5	9	1	1	3	2	4	4
Forfar	9	1	0	4	7	15	1	0	3	4	9	4

Second division

ALBION R (0) 0 216	BRECHIN (2) 3 Thomson 26 Lees 32 87
ARBROATH (1) 2 Morton 40 McKenna 60	ALLOA (0) 2 Wilcox 75 84 468
COWDNBTH (2) 2 Buckley 2 Archibald 12	BERWICK (0) 0 307
DUMBARTN (0) 1 Gilmour 46 1,000	E FIFE (1) 2 Sludden 5 Scott 52
E STIRLING (0) 2 McKinnon 53 McConbille 78	STENSMUIR (0) 1 McCormick 85 388
QUEENS PK (0) 1 O'Neill 62 444	Q OF SOUTH (2) 4 McGuire 11 53 I Thomson 31 A Thomson 82
STRANRAER (0) 2 Ewing 66 Henderson 84	CLYDE (0) 0 550

	HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dumbarton	9	2	2	1	8	7	3	0	1	10	3	12
Cowdenbeath	9	3	1	1	8	4	2	1	1	9	8	12
Clyde	9	3	1	0	8	1	2	1	2	4	5	12
Arbroath	9	3	2	0	11	8	1	2	1	3	3	12
E Fife	9	3	1	0	8	2	1	2	2	10	11	11
E Stirling	9	2	1	2	12	10	1	2	1	11	11	9
Stranraer	9	3	1	1	11	9	1	0	3	4	5	9
Brechin	9	1	1	2	5	10	2	2	1	11	7	9
Alloa	9	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	4	10	13	8
Albion R	9	2	2	2	6	8	0	1	2	4	6	7
Queens Pk	9	2	1	3	10	14	1	0	2	4	5	7
Qn of Sth	9	1	0	4	4	11	2	1	1	7	6	7
Stenhsmuir	9	2	0	3	8	8	1	0	3	3	6	6
Berwick	9	0	2	2	1	3	1	1	3	5	9	5

FRENCH LEAGUE: Rennes 0, Paris Saint-Germain 0; Metz 1, Cannes 2; Sochaux 3, Nantes 1, Toulouse 0, Le Havre 0; Lens 1, Montpellier 1; Nimes 2, Lyons 1, St Etienne 3, Nancy 0; Auxerre 1, Marseilles 1; Caen 1, Monaco 0. Leading positions (after 12 matches): 1, Monaco, 19pts; 2, Marseilles, 18; 3, Paris Saint-Germain, 17

SPANISH LEAGUE: Sporting Gijón 2, Barcelona 1; Real Madrid 3, Sevilla 1; Real Sociedad 0, Atlético Madrid 2; Real Zaragoza 3, Real Oviedo 2. Leading positions (after four matches): 1, Atlético Madrid, 8; 2, Real Madrid, 8; 3, Sevilla, 6.

Statistics

GARY BULL'S double strike for Barnet made him the top scorer with 13 goals in all competitions, with four others on 11. The first division continues to dominate the Foul Play chart with six representatives, while Whitehurst of Doncaster became the first player to be sent off twice this season. Fourth division attendances fell dramatically at the weekend, down 20.5% on last season's average.

GOALSCORERS

First division	Lge	Cup	Oth	Tot
Lineker (Spurs)	11	–	–	11
Smith (Arsenal)	7	–	4	11
Wright (Arsenal)	8	–	1	9
Beardsley (Everton)	7	–	1	8
Small (West Ham)	7	–	1	8
Bright (C Palace)	6	–	1	7
Second division	**Lge**	**Cup**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Aldridge (Tranmere)	5	–	6	11
Bull (Wolves)	7	–	2	9
Wilkinson (Middboro)	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
White (Swindon)	5	–	2	7
Shearer (Swindon)	4	–	2	6
Third division	**Lge**	**Cup**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Holdsworth (B'ford)	7	–	4	11
Biggins (Stoke)	10	–	0	10
Starbuck (Huddfld)	5	–	3	8
Fourth division	**Lge**	**Cup**	**Oth**	**Tot**
Bull (Barnet)	11	–	2	13
Bamber (Blackpl)	5	–	5	10
Naylor (Crewe)	6	–	3	9

Scottish Premier division.
Nicholas (Celtic) 9, Johnston (Rangers) 8, Crabbe (Hearts) 7, McAllister (Falkirk), Weir (Hibernian) 6, McGinlay (Hibernian), Hateley (Rangers) 5

OFFENCES

FAIR PLAY	P	Sent off	Booked
WBA	11	–	3
Portsmouth	12	–	4
Peterborough	12	–	4
Sheffield Wed	11	–	5
Bristol Rov	10	–	5
Charlton	12	–	5
Ipswich	11	–	5
Darlington	15	–	5
Stoke	12	–	5
York	10	–	5
FOUL PLAY	**P**	**Sent off**	**Booked**
Southampton	12	2	[illegible]
Coventry	12	–	[illegible]
Sheff Utd	12	2	[illegible]
Notts Co	12	1	19
Scunthorpe	12	–	19
Reading	11	3	18
Doncaster	11	3	15
Sunderland	11	[illegible]	[illegible]
Exeter	11	[illegible]	13
C Palace	10	2	12
Chelsea	12	–	14

ATTENDANCES

(No of games)	Total	Wkly avge	% Change Wkly	90/91
Div 1 (11)	239,872	21,807	+2.5	-3.8
Div 2 (12)	109,939	9,158	+1.5	[illegible]
Div 3 (12)	61,133	5,094	+1.8	[illegible]
Div 4 (11)	28,153	2,559	[illegible]	-20.5

Highest of weekend 37,071 (Liverpool v Sheffield Wed) Lowest of weekend 1,037 (Maidstone v York)

* Attendances include midweek games

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POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
3●	1	3●	3●	3●	1½	3●	3●	2	1½	1½	2	1½	1½	1

16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
3●	1	1½	1	1	1	1	3●	1	1	3●	1	1	1	1½

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44
1	1	3●	1	1	1	1	3●	1	1	3●	1	3●	3●

45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	3●	1½	1½	3●	1½	1½	1½	1	3●	1½	1½	1½	3●

FORECAST: Dividends will be low with 18 score draws and two no-score draws. No claims required.

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Wilkinson defends the role of Batty

Norwich City
Leeds United

By Russell Kempson

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FOOTBALL

Liverpool's problems pile up for Souness

Liverpool 1
Sheffield Wednesday 1

By Ian Ross

GRAEME Souness may be reluctant to admit as much but it is increasingly clear that Liverpool's season is fast approaching if not the point of no return, then a critical phase.

Unlike his immediate predecessor, Kenny Dalglish, Sonness is a man who often feels the need to publicly discuss the shortcomings of his team and the shrug of the shoulders said a good deal more about Liverpool's lamentable second-half performance.

"I am deeply disappointed because I think that in the first half you saw our best performance of the season and in the second, our worst performance of the season," he said. "After the interval, we just did not get started."

The cure may well lie in the club's treatment room where quality players like Barnes, Whelan, Molby and Wright still linger. By the time those influential figures are restored to full fitness, it could be too late for Liverpool to reduce the 11-point gap which separates them from Manchester United, the first division leaders.

The form of Saunders will possibly prompt Souness to reflect on the old adage which suggests that throwing money at a problem in no way guarantees a satisfactory solution. The Welshman's contribution since becoming British football's most expensive footballer at £2.9 million has been negligible so far.

On Saturday, when faced by a Sheffield Wednesday defence which was a model of consistency, Saunders was a sad and desolate figure as he scampered around the perimeter of the penalty area in the forlorn hope that his persistence would eventually be met with some tangible reward.

Houghton's splendid strike in the 17th minute gave the home side a lead which they only occasionally threatened to extend. It was remarkable that the scoreline remained unchanged until the 68th minute when Harkes headed in.

It was similarly remarkable that Wednesday failed to score a second, decisive goal in the game's remaining 22 minutes as Liverpool's already threadbare play began to further deteriorate. The record books prove that it would be foolish to suggest the alarm bells are sounding at Anfield but, even at this early stage, it could just be that the manager's finger is beginning to reach for the button.

LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; S Harkness, D Burrows, S Nicol, M Marsh (sub: M Walters), N Tanner (sub: G Ablett), D Saunders, R Houghton, I Rush, S McManaman, S McMahon.
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: C Woods; R Nilsson, P King, C Palmer, P Warhurst, N Pearson, D Wilson, J Harkes, N Jemson (sub: T Francis), P Williams, N Worthington.
Referee: P Danson.

Dublin atones in Cambridge's rout

Cambridge United 5
Leicester City 1

By Louise Taylor

JOHN Beck's amber army are marching to the promised land. The message contained in yesterday's match programme may have been hype but it is not one which Leicester City will dispute.

Brian Little's side were never allowed to settle into any sort of stride as Cambridge United reaped the dividends from their quick passing playing of the percentage game. The system has served them so well that Cambridge are now third in the second division.

Ironically, such eminence was principally achieved by a player rejected by Leicester, his home town team, as a teenager. Now aged 22, Dion Dublin scored two goals and created the third.

Leicester must have wished that Beck — their first choice to replace David Pleat — had carried out his threat to drop Dublin after a below par performance at Manchester United in midweek.

Dublin: scored twice

Instead, the manager — who believes seven figure transfer speculation had made Dublin too big for his boots — contented himself with making the centre forward eat humble pie in the reserves on Thursday. It obviously did Dublin good, judging by the manner in which he headed in Philpott's corner in the 11th minute.

Cambridge extended their lead in the 34th minute, when Cheetham turned Platnauer before seeing his centre pushed past Poole by Dublin.

Dublin created the next goal for Claridge, who waltzed through a static defence a minute after half-time. Claridge was celebrating again five minutes later when Poole let the ball slither through his fingers, presenting the forward with the simplest of tap-ins.

Although Gordon reduced the deficit with his forehead, Heathcote — who had looked assured on his debut in central defence after signing from Shrewsbury — advanced to head Cambridge's fifth.

Like Cambridge, Southend United were in the fourth division only two years ago, but unlike Cambridge, they lost at home, by 2-0 to Wolverhampton Wanderers after Austin had missed the club's seventh successive penalty. Stowell saved his kick.

Wolves took the lead on the hour when the game's outstanding individual, Birch, drove a 30-yard shot in off the bar.

Although Wolves fielded a five-man defence, Southend were left to rue profligate finishing until Wolves doubled their margin of victory in the 89th minute. Bull teed himself up to meet Venus's centre only for Ashley to barge past, leaving the England forward flat on his back and the ball in the back of the net.

Stoke counting cost of a lack of composure

By Keith Pike

WITH his team unbeaten in ten matches after losing on the opening day of the season, having drawn at Liverpool in the Rumbelows Cup in midweek and again, 2-2, with Stockport County on Saturday, you might expect to find Lou Macari, the Stoke City manager, wearing a self-satisfied smile these days. Not so.

As West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City, two more clubs with first division pedigrees, lead the race to leave behind a third division existence, the Stoke supporters — and Macari — fidget nervously. Good, they certainly are. Good enough? Possibly not.

Teams which harbour promotion aspirations simply cannot afford to surrender a 2-0 lead at home. Astonishingly, Stoke managed it for the third successive time on Saturday. As they saw the gap between their side and the leaders widen to six points, the Victoria Ground faithfuls were not amused.

None of which gives Stockport the credit they deserve for their spirited recovery in a splendid game. Of the teams promoted from the fourth division last season, none has made the transition more comfortably or positively.

Both teams adopted three-five-two formations, but in the first half, only Stoke were able to escape the inevitable midfield congestion. Biggins put them ahead with a thirteenth-minute penalty and punished a poor clearance by Bill Williams with his tenth goal of the season 14 minutes later.

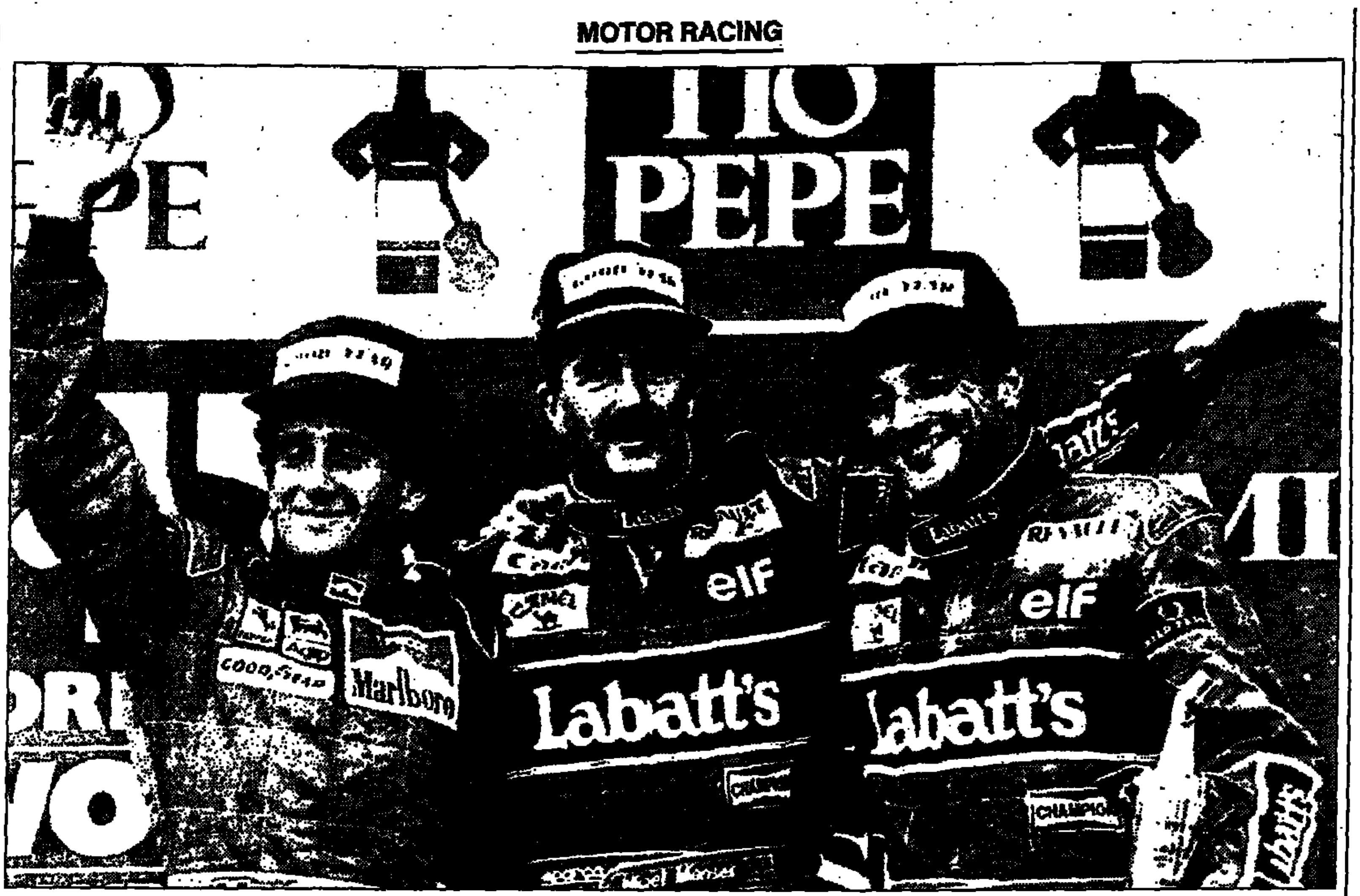
When Lillis, in his first game since joining Stockport on loan from Scunthorpe, pulled one back in the 54th minute, however, the panic button in Stoke's defence was quickly pushed.

Stockport shed their inhibitions and, while the equaliser by Francis was as scrappy as it was late in coming, it was undeniably merited.

Huddersfield surrendered the last unbeaten record in the third division at Leyton Orient, while in the fourth, goal difference continues to keep Blackpool ahead of Barnet.

STOKE CITY: J Kearton; J Butler, L Sandford, I Scott, V Overson, M Kennedy, I Cranson, M Stein, W Biggins, L Fowler.
STOCKPORT COUNTY: N Edwards; D Knowles, P Williams, A Thorpe, A Barrass, W Williams, J Gannon, J Paskin, K Francis, P Ward, M Lillis (sub: A Kilner).
Referee: R Poulain (Holmfirth).

MOTOR RACING



Centre of attraction: Nigel Mansell, winner of yesterday's Spanish grand prix, with Prost, left, and his Williams colleague, Patrese, right

Mansell keeps his title challenge alive

From Norman Howell
IN BARCELONA

NIGEL Mansell won yesterday's Spanish grand prix, and so keeps his title challenge alive, with two races to go in the Formula One world championship.

The Briton is now 16 points behind Ayrton Senna, the world champion who yesterday finished fifth. Alain Prost, of Ferrari, was second and Mansell's team mate, Riccardo Patrese, was also on the podium, third, the results from the Williams drivers putting their team into the lead the constructors' championship by one point.

Now Mansell must either win in Japan, and have Senna came third or lower, or come second with the Brazilian scoring no points. Any other combination will make Senna world champion for the third time, equalling the achievements of Prost and Nelson Piquet. The first few laps were very exciting. With the rain before the start, some teams chose slick tyres while others chose wet ones. The added lottery of a number of tyre changes when the track finally dried out properly, made for a classic race.

Right from the start, Gerhard Berger went ahead, with Senna seemingly unhurried in second, happy to keep Mansell blocked up behind him. Then Michael Schumacher passed Mansell and had the audacity to start attacking Senna, too.

Mansell then came back, passed the young German and then, on the fifth lap, drove alongside Senna along the main straight for what seemed like an eternity. Mansell seemed to come so close to Senna that the wheels were nearly touching. The he was off and away. Senna tried to overtake him coming out of the next bend, but Mansell kept him wide and the Brazilian nearly lost control on the outside of the bend.

Berger then lost the lead as he took a pit stop and his McLaren team took 16.66 seconds to change the tyres — in early morning practice they had managed 4.3sec — but Mansell's lead was short-lived. He, too, drove down the pit lane, togehter with Senna. So it was Patrese who went ahead, then Berger again. And so it went on until Mansell, 45 laps from the end, took the lead and dominated the race.

But if Mansell described his start as messy, Senna had much more to say about that and about Mansell's overtaking style. "He takes far too many risks. I managed to avoid two accidents in Portugal and here too. But I can't forever open the door to him. He must realise that I am fighting for the championship and that if I have to get tough, I will."

Senna tried to speak in slow, measured tones, to control his anger, that the main straight on the newly-built Circuito de Catalunya wide enough that there was no need for Mansell to come so close ashe did when challenging the McLaren on lap five. "We can both get hurt. I will never close the door on him, but I will get tougher. It's up to him decide whether he wants to risk cleanly or fight dirty. I am ready."

MOTOR RACING: The Larrousse Formula One racing team has signed Ukyo Katayama, of Japan, on a three-year contract.

SPANISH GRAND PRIX

RESULTS (65 laps, 308.555km): 1, N Mansell (GB, Williams Renault), 1hr 38min 41.541sec; 2, A Prost (Fr, Ferrari), at 11.331; 3, R Patrese (It, Williams Renault), 15.909; 4, J Alesi (Fr, Ferrari), 22.772; 5, A Senna (Br, McLaren Honda), 1:02.402; 6, M Schumacher (Ger, Benetton Ford), 1:19.468; 7, M Gugelmin (Br, Leyton House Ilmor), at one lap; 8, J J Lehto (Fin, Dallara Judd V10), one lap; 9, A Zanardi (It, Jordan Ford), one lap; 10, Martin Brundle (GB, Brabham Yamaha), two laps; 11, N Piquet (Br, Benetton Ford), two laps; 12, G Tarquini (It, Fondmetal Ford), two laps; 13, P Martini (It, Minardi Ferrari), two laps; 14, G Morbidelli (It, Minardi Ferrari), three laps; 15, E Pirro (It, Dallara Judd V10), three laps; 16, S Modena (It, Tyrrell Honda V10), three laps; 17, S Nakajima (Japan, Tyrrell Honda V10), at three laps.

Fastest lap: Patrese, 1min 22.837sec (av speed: 206.299kph/128.188mph).
WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers (after 14 rounds): 1, Senna, 85pts; 2, Mansell, 69; 3, Patrese, 48; 4, G Berger (Austria), 31; 5, Prost, 31; 6, Piquet, 25; 7, Alesi, 21; equal 8, Modena and A de Cesaris (It) 9; 10, Moreno, 8; 11, Martini, 6; equal 12, Lehto, B Gachot (Fr), and Schumacher, 4; equal 15, M Hakkinen (Fin), Nakajima, 2; equal 16, J Bailey (GB), A Suzuki (Japan), E Pirro (It), E Bernard (Fr), I Capelli (It) and Mark Blundell (GB), 1.
Constructors: 1, Williams Renault, 117pts; 2, McLaren Honda, 116; 3, Ferrari 52; 4, Benetton Ford, 37; 5, Jordan Ford, 13; 6, Tyrrell Honda, 11; 7, Minardi Ferrari, 6; 8, Dallara Judd, 5; 9, Lotus Judd, 3; 10, Larrousse Ford, 2; equal 11, Leyton House Ilmor and Brabham Yamaha, 1.

FOR THE RECORD

AFRICAN GAMES

In Cairo
Winners

CYCLING: Individual road race (170km): K Hadad (Alg), 3hr 50min 35sec.
GYMNASTICS: Men: Individual: O Ezz al-Regal (Egypt), 53.35pts. Women: Individual: R Eldesouky (Egypt), 34.80.
JUDO: 71kg: M Omagbaluwaje (Nigeria) 65kg: A-H Harakat (Alg).
SHOOTING: Free pistol: 50m: T Zala (Egypt), 828pts. Air rifle: A El Dabai (Egypt), 661.4. Olympic skeet: S Khaled (Egypt), 216. Standard pistol: R Nasser (Egypt), 565.
SWIMMING: Men: 200m medley: T Ibrahim (Egypt), 2min 12.08sec. 4 x 100m medley: Egypt, 4:01.32. Women: 200m butterfly: S Abdel Raouf (Egypt), 2:28.49. 200m backstroke: S J Murphy (Zim), 2:25.79. 50m freestyle: R Elwany (Egypt), 27.49sec.
TENNIS: Women: Final: M Berthier (Senegal) bt W Bouchabou (Alg), 6-3, 6-0.

ATHLETICS

BERLIN: Marathon: Men: 1, S Brace (GB), 2hr 10min 57sec; 2, M Pitayo (US), 2:11:01; 3, S Gurny (Pol), 2:11:45; 4, R Shagin (USSR), 2:11:52; 5, W Panzke (Pol), 2:12:00; 6, K Martin (US), 2:12:08; 7, A Ronan (Ire), 2:12:43. Women: 1, R Kokowska (Pol), 2:27:36; 2, K Jones (US), 2:27:50; 3, T Toivonen (Fin), 2:28:49; 4, K Chramenkova (USSR), 2:31:14; 5, J Maval (Bel), 2:31:27; 6, B Jerschabek (Ger), 2:33:09; 35, S Tooby (GB), 2:50:52.
FLEET: Southern Counties AA six-stage road relays: Seniors: 1, London Irish, 1hr 50min 17sec; 2, Shaftesbury Barnet, 1:50:19; 3, Highgate, 1:50:30. Fastest lap: J Sherban (Shaftesbury Barnet), 17min 19sec. Veterans: Cambridge H, 1hr 27min 54sec

BADMINTON

IRVINE, California: United States Open: Men: Last 16: S Butler (GB) bt W Jin Shong (Tai), 4-15, 15-7, 15-8; T Tuominen (Fin) walked over T Wadood (US); T Reidy (USA) bt J Dawson (Can), 15-12, 15-12; S Woo Park (S Korea) bt W Kai Chong (US), 15-7, 15-13; K Harrison (NZ) bt C Joga (US) 7-15, 18-16, 15-0; K Hyung Jin (S Kor) bt L Mie Chow (Tai), 13-15, 15-9, 15-7; B Blanshard (Can) bt K Yong Ho (S Kor), 15-13, 15-6; L Shiao-Hain (Tai) bt A Nielsen (GB), 12-15, 15-13, 15-9. Quarter-finals: K Hyunk Jin (S Kor) bt K Harrison (NZ), 15-9, 15-5; B Blanshard (Can) bt L Shiao-Hain (Taipei), 15-9, 7-15, 15-8. Women: Last 16: S Eun Jung (S Kor) bt M Andrievsky (USSR), 12-9, 11-2; J Bradbury (GB) bt C Sheau Li (Tai), 11-2, 11-5; A Miyamura (Japan) bt D Piche (Can), 11-8, 9-11, 11-7; R Cator (Aust) bt M de la Paz Luna (Mex), 11-4, 11-4; F Smith (GB) bt B Richardson (Can), 11-4, 11-0; A Lao (Aust) bt H Yachi (Japan), 11-5, 12-9; I Serova (USSR) bt K Kanai (Japan), 11-3, 11-5; D Julien (Can) bt P Jin Hyun (S Kor), 11-0, 11-3. Quarter-finals: F Smith (GB) bt A Lao (Aus), 11-2, 11-7; I Serova (USSR) bt D Julien (Can), 11-8, 11-7. Mixed doubles: Second round: Ponting and Gowers (GB) bt Dore and LaChance (Can), 15-4, 15-6; Kai and Kitzmiller (US) bt Falchenko and Sperino (USSR) 15-12, 15-6; Blanshard and Julien (Can) bt Serov and Serova (USSR) 15-4, 15-10; Blackburn and Bryant (Aus) bt Wiguna and Lira (US) 15-3, 15-6; Wadood and Britton (US) bt Muir and Piche (Can) 17-16, 17-19; Bok and Eun J (S Kor) bt Hunter and Richardson (Canada) 15-2, 15-1; McDonald and Cator (Aus) bt Dufour and Thom (Can) 15-6, 15-11; Wright and Sankey (Ang) bt Imai and Kawaguchi (Jap) 15-6, 15-1. Quarter-finals: Bok and Eun J (S Kor) walked over Wadood and Britton (GB), Wright and Sankey (GB) bt McDonald and Cator (Aus), 15-12, 15-8

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: San Diego Padres 8, Cincinnati Reds 3; Montreal Expos 12, Pittsburgh Pirates 8; New York Mets 6, Philadelphia Phillies 4; Atlanta Braves 4, Houston Astros 2; St Louis Cardinals 5, Chicago White Sox 4; Los Angeles Dodgers 6, San Francisco Giants 2. Saturday: Philadelphia Phillies 6, New York Mets 2; St Louis Cardinals 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Atlanta Braves 5, Houston Astros 4; San Francisco Giants 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; San Diego Padres 4, Cincinnati Reds 2; Montreal Expos 3, Pittsburgh Pirates 2
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: New York Yankees 3, Cleveland Indians 0; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Minnesota Twins 2; Baltimore Orioles 9, Detroit Tigers 7; Seattle Mariners 10, Chicago White Sox 8 (11 inns); Kansas City Royals 4, California Angels 1; Milwaukee Brewers 7, Boston Red Sox 5; Texas Rangers 3, Oakland A's 0. Saturday: Detroit Tigers 5, Baltimore Orioles 4; Cleveland Indians 5, New York Yankees 4; Minnesota Twins 5, Toronto Blue Jays 0; Milwaukee Brewers 4, Boston Red Sox 1; Texas Rangers 6, Oakland A's 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Seattle Mariners 2; California Angels 4, Kansas City Royals 3

BOXING

SUN CITY, South Africa: International Boxing Federation junior featherweight championship: W Nkita (SA, holder) bt S B Rojas (Col) pts

EQUESTRIANISM

WAREGEM, Belgium: CAI international carriage driving: Horse teams: 1, T Eriksson (Swe), 108.7pts; 2, M Freund (Ger), 119.2; 3, I Chardon (Neth), 120.5; 4, G Bowman (GB), 123.3. Pony teams: 1, E Flerackers (Bel), 128.8; 2, M Allo (Bel), 131.2; 3, P Gammell (GB), 149.2

BOWLS

CARLISLE: England v Scotland international challenge match: First session (England names first): M Biggs bt G Robertson, 9-1, 9-1; A Thomson bt J Muir, 9-7, 8-9, 9-4; S Halmai lost to R Corsie, 9-8, 3-9, 9-3; D Bryant lost to A Blair, 9-4, 9-5; G Smith lost to W Wood, 9-6, 7-9, 9-7. Second session: Halmai lost to Blair, 7-9, 1-9; Bryant lost to Wood, 5-9, 2-9; Smith bt Robertson, 9-5, 9-7; Beech bt Muir, 9-8, 9-3; Thomson bt Corsie, 9-4, 1-9, 9-0. Third session: Biggs lost to Corsie, 2-9, 3-9; Thomson bt Blair, 9-7, 9-8; Halmai bt Wood, 9-8, 9-7; Bryant lost to Robertson, 7-9, 4-9; Smith lost to Muir, 9-5, 7-9, 5-9. Fourth session: Bryant lost to Muir, 9-7, 8-9, 7-9; Smith lost to Corsie, 2-9, 0-9; Biggs bt Blair, 4-9, 9-6, 9-5; Thomson bt Wood, 9-0, 9-8; Halmai lost to Robertson, 9-2, 8-9, 1-9. Fifth session: Thomson lost to Robertson, 9-0, 8-9, 6-9; Halmai lost to Muir, 6-9, 1-9; Bryant lost to Corsie, 2-9, 6-9; Smith lost to Blair, 3-9, 2-9; Biggs bt Wood, 9-8, 4-9, 9-5.

CYCLING

TOUR OF IRELAND: Fourth stage (Limerick to Cork, 118.3 mls): 1, S Yates (GB, Motorola), 4hr 33min 13sec; 2, S Kelly (Ire, PDM), same time; 3, A Van der Poel (Neth, Tulip) at 44sec; 4, J Museeuw (Bel, Lotto); 5, U Bolts (Ger, Telekom); 6, E Van Lancker (Bel, Panasonic); 7, D O Lauritzen (Nor), all same time; 8, R Alcala (Mex), at 55; 9, S Rooks (Neth), at 1min 01sec; 10, M Earley (Ire), same time. Overall: 1, Kelly, 17hr 58min 55sec; 2, Yates, at 01sec; 3, Museeuw, at 35; 4, van der Poel, at 39; 5, Bolts, at 47; 6, van Lancker; 7, Lauritzen, both same time; 8, Alcala, at 58; 9, V Ekimov (USSR), at 1min 01sec; 10, Rooks, at 1:04. Points classification: 1, Museeuw, 55pts; 2, E Vanderaerden (Bel, Buckler), 37; 3, van der Poel, 37. Sprints: 1, J Talen (Neth, PDM), 19pts; 2, Museeuw, 17; 3, van der Poel, 11. Mountains: 1, van der Poel, 30pts; 2, P Slane (Irel), 28; 3, Yates 27. Teams: Stage: 1, PDM, 13hr 41min 35sec; 2, Motorola, 13.42.41; 3, Panasonic, 13.43.42. Overall: 1, PDM, 53.58.50; 2, Motorola, 53.59.56; 3, Panasonic, 54.00.57
TIME-TRIALS: Metropolitan Police CC (50 mls, Oxford): 1, K Dawson (Askern CC), 1hr 49min 35sec; 2, P Abraham (Icknield RC), 1.54.03; 3, S Elms (E Grinstead CC), 1.56.20. Harrogate Nova CC (50 mls): 1, P Longbottom (Manchester Wh), 1.49.38; 2, V Macklam (Leeds St Christophers), 1.52.34; 3, L Holmes (Leeds St Christophers), 1.53.26. Team: Leeds St Christophers, 5.53.19. Women: E Ward (Scarborough Paragon), 2.18.18. Edgware RC (25 mls): 1, S Dangerfield (Leo RC), 50.34; 2, M Pyne (Polytechnic CC), 50.40; 3, G Dighton (Manchester Wh), 51.51. Essex RCC women's (25 mls): 1, M Jones (Liverpool Mercury RC), 54.07; 2, L Lamont (Charlotteville CC), 56.32; 3, C Roberts (Crewe Clarion Wh), 57.03. Team: E Anglian CC, 3.1.18. Gloucester City CC (25 mls): 1, G Jones (Road Racing Bikes, US), 56.17; 2, L Bond (Cardiff Ajax CC), 57.03; 3, J Stollery (Wolverhampton Wh), 57.05. Team: Gloucester City 2.57.31. Coventry Olympic CC two-up (25 mls): 1, A and M Pettitt (Morca CC), 58.56; 2, R Bennett and P Cooke (Leamington C and AC), 59.30; 3, I and A Lola (Team Flamingo), 1.0.19. Withington Wheelers (10 mls, Cheshire): 1, S O'Brien (Manchester Wh), 21.26; 2, A Arch (Stretford Wh), 22.24; 3, R Warrington (ABC Centreville), 22.35. Team: ABC Centreville, 1.09.35
ROAD RACES: Clayton Velo Autumn Classic (55 mls): 1, R Ellingworth (Cherry Valley RT), 2.20.0; 2, C Boardman (Manchester Wh); 3, D Haylon (E Bradford CC), both same time
HILL CLIMBS: Leigh Premier RC (1,400yds, Frodsham): 1, S Hulme (Manchester Wh), 3.11.3; 2, M Hall (Marple Wh), 3.18.3; 3, I Jackson (Warrington RC), 3.21.1. Team: Ellesmere Port CC, 10.41.2. VC Cumbria (2,022m, Newlands Pass): 1, A Dean (York University), 8.20.03; 2, M Baxter (Southport RCC), 8.25.09; 3, P Brear (VC Cumbria), 8.40.00. Team: VC Cumbria 26.55.03. Team Mirage four-stage (6.5 mls, North Yorkshire): 1, I Dalton (Cherry Valley RT), 29.35.3; 2, J Flanagan (Bronte Wh), 30.13.3; 3, T Gill (Keighley Velo) 30.30.1. Team: Mirage 1.3.19.5

TABLE TENNIS

BONN: European Masters Cup: Group 1: J Persson (Swe) bt Chen Xinhua (Eng), 21-11, 21-16, 21-14. Group 2: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt Steffen Fetzner (Ger), 21-16, 21-13, 21-18. Group 3: A Grubba (Pol) bt I Lupulescu (Yug), 23-21, 21-10, 21-17. Group 4: J-P Gatien (Fr) bt E Lindh (Swe), 17-21, 21-15, 20-22, 21-12, 21-17

Steve Brace: finished first in Berlin

FOOTBALL

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Iran 2, Algeria 1 (in Tehran).
ENGLISH SCHOOLS' BRITISH GAS TROPHY: Blackpool 1, Sefton 3; Reading 4, Basingstoke 0; Plymouth 7, Taunton 0; Stockton 0, Chester-le-Street 2; Middlesbrough 5, South Tyneside 2; Bishop Auckland 7, East Durham 0; Derwentside 1, Darlington 3; Hartlepool 0, Langbaurgh 1; Wrexham 2, Macclesfield 0; Telford 3, Warrington 4; North Shropshire 1, Chester 7.
WOMEN'S FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION: Premier division: Ipswich Town 0, Doncaster Belles 7; Knowsley United 1, Wimbledon 1; Millwall Lionesses 0, Red Star Southampton 3; Notts Rangers 2, Maidstone Tigresses 2. First division: South: Abbeydale 4, Town and Country 0; Broadbridge Heath 1, Brighton and Hove 2; Hassocks Beacon 1, Arsenal 1; Milton Keynes 0, Reigate 3. North: Cowgate Kestrels 0, Bronte 1; Spondon 1, Sunderland 1; Villa Aztecs 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2. Postponed: Wolverhampton v Davies Argyle.

GOLF

PINE MOUNTAIN, Georgia: Men's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 207: R Gamez, 71, 70, 66; L Nelson, 69, 68, 70. 208: D Sutherland, 67, 71, 70. 210: M Hatalsky, 71, 70, 69; D Peoples, 67, 71, 72; B Jobe, 68, 67, 75. 211: C Perry, 69, 69, 75; S Gump, 68, 72, 71; J Huston, 71, 69, 71; L Janzen, 70, 67, 74. 212: B Wolcott, 72, 71, 69; G Hallberg, 72, 70, 70; E Fiori, 69, 73, 70; B Lohr, 71, 70, 71. 213: L Mize, 73, 72, 68; C Dennis, 71, 73, 69; C Bowles, 72, 72, 69; D Hart, 71, 72, 70; J Edwards, 69, 74, 70; B Gardner, 73, 69, 71; B Fabel, 69, 73, 71; M Brooks, 74, 67, 72.
TOCHIGI, Japan: Men's tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 277: M Ozaki, 69, 68, 70, 70; R Kawagishi, 70, 69, 74, 64 (Ozaki won play-off at 1st extra hole). 278: Chen Tze-chung (Tai), 67, 71, 73, 67; Y Mizumaki, 69, 71, 72, 66. 279: Y Hagawa, 67, 68, 69, 75. 280: Y Kaneko, 71, 72, 68, 69; H Yamamoto, 68, 74, 70, 68; H Sato, 72, 67, 71, 70; M Hatsumi, 71, 72, 68, 69. 281: T Nakamura, 70, 70, 68, 73; H Sutton (US), 72, 68, 69, 72; N Yoshino, 72, 70, 67, 72; T Inagaki, 69, 67, 73, 72; T Maruyama, 73, 69, 70, 69.
TOKYO: Men's seniors tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 202: L Trevino (US), 66, 69, 67. 208: I Togawa, 71, 72, 65; H Suzumura, 70, 68, 70. 210: T Kono, 70, 71, 69. 213: O Moody (US), 75, 69, 69. 214: W Casper (US), 69, 75, 70. 218: W Dunk (Aus), 75, 73, 70. 219: Chen Chien-chung (Tai), 73, 72, 74. 221: Chen Chien-chen (Tai), 74, 69, 78. 224: Hsieh Yung-yo (Tai), 72, 78, 74. 226: M Kelly (Aus), 74, 78, 74. 230: Hsieh Min-nan (Tai), 77, 71, 82.
LEXINGTON, Kentucky: Men's seniors tournament: Leading second-round scores (US unless stated): 137: G Gilbert, 69, 68; C C Rodriguez, 67, 70. 138: G Archer, 71, 67. 139: J C Snead, 68, 71. 140: R Botts, 71, 69; G Player (SA), 71, 69; R Thompson, 70, 70; L Laoretti, 70, 70. 141: M Barber, 68, 73; J Colbert, 68, 73. 142: G Jones, 75, 67; J Powell, 75, 67; J O'Hern, 72, 70; S Hobday, 71, 71; C Mehok, 71, 71; D Hill, 71, 71; G Brewer, 71, 71; D Weaver, 70, 72; P Moran, 69, 73; D January, 69, 73
BUENA PARK, California: Women's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 207: L Walters, 71, 65, 71. 208: J Dickinson 70, 70, 68; M Mallon, 69, 71, 68. 209: P Bradley, 72, 70, 67; B Burton, 71, 70, 68. 210: D Andrews, 69, 70, 71; T Barrett, 70, 69, 71; D Mochrie, 68, 73, 69. 211: A Alcott, 71, 72, 68; R Walton, 73, 71, 67. 212: E Crosby, 71, 70, 71; M Estill, 71, 70, 71; T Kerdyk, 70, 71, 71; E King, 69, 70, 73. Others: 213: L Neumann (Swe), 73, 70, 70. 216: S Maynor (GB), 72, 72, 72; A-M Palli (Fr), 71, 72, 73; C Pierce (GB), 72, 74, 70. 218: K Davies (GB), 74, 70, 74
MATSUSHIMACHO, Japan: Women's tournament: Leading final scores (Japan unless stated): 215: A Nakano, 70, 73, 72. 217: C Matsuzawa, 74, 72, 71. 217: C Nishida, 73, 71, 74. 220: M Nomura, 77, 72, 71. 222: H Takamura, 72, 77, 73. 223: Kim Ae-sook (S Kor), 72, 78, 73; Tsai Li-hsiang (Tai), 78, 72, 75. 224: Wu Ming-yeh (Tai), 73, 77, 74. 227: Lee Young-mi (S Kor), 76, 79, 72. 228: J Bishop (Aus), 76, 74, 78. 229: Tai Yu-hsia (Tai), 78, 73, 78. 230: K Hoos (US), 78, 76, 78. 232: N Lowen (Aus), 73, 80, 79. 233: R Bell (Aus), 73, 81, 79. 225: Chen Li-ying (Tai), 78, 76, 81.

RALLYING

MINTEX NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: Leading final positions (after 8 rounds): 1, T Smith (GB), 139pts; 2, H Miyoshi (Japan), 137; 3, S Hill (GB), 117

RUGBY UNION

BISLEY OFFICE EQUIPMENT MERIT TABLE: Henley 6, Havant 24.
KENT CUP: First round: Old Beccehamians 13, Canterbury 6
CLUB MATCHES: Crawley 68, Tonbridge 0; Salisbury 12, Ealing 12; Welwyn 0, Stevenage 12
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Gunnersbury 14, Isleworth and Syon 26; RGS, Newcastle 18, QEGS, Wakefield 6.
WRFU NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Richmond 35, Waterloo 0; Saracens 28, Headingley 0. Second division: Bath 4, Sale 35; Lampeter 12, Medway 6; Richmond II 28, Oxford OB 6. Third division: London: Saracens II 8, Blackheath 10; Swindon 4, Eton Manor 54. South: Staines 26, Hove 4; Wimbledon 0, Richmond III 20. Midlands: Bury St Edmunds 20, Shelford 8, Northampton 8, Old Leamingtons 3. South west: Aberystwyth University 0, Pontypool 44

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Firebrands 1, Stourport 3; Indian Gymkhana 0, Teddington 9; Neston 1, Bournville 1; O Loughtonians 1, Havant 3; St Albans 0, East Grinstead 4; Slough 1, Bromley 2; Southgate 4, Cannock 3; Trojans 0, Hounslow 4; Welton 2, Lyons 0. Second division: Cambridge City 1, Bream 1; Canterbury 1, Formby 2; Doncaster 2, Cheltenham 1; Guildford 0, Richmond 2; Harborne 5, Bournemouth 1; ISCA 3, Surbiton 1; Reading 2, Chelmsford 2; Wakefield 0, Barford Tigers 5; Warrington 1, Gore Court 1.
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS: Derbyshire: Semi-finals: Belper 2, Chesterfield 0; Derby 3, Burton 0. Final: Belper 3, Derby 1. Nottinghamshire: Semi-finals: Beeston 10, Nottingham 0; John Player 6, Westbridgford 2. Final: Beeston 5, John Player 0.
SURREY CUP: First round: Woking 7, London Wanderers 0.
TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Leicester 2, Sherwood 0; FP Sutton Coldfield 1, Slough 0; Wimbledon 2, Yate and South Glos 0; Doncaster 0, Hightown 1; Ealing 0, Ipswich 0; Clifton 0, Chelmsford 4
WOMEN'S WEST LEAGUE: Premier division: BAC 1, Bournemouth and Parkstone 2; Cheltenham 1, Exeter 1; Firebrands 0, East Glos 1; Gloucester 0, Cornwall 1; Green Dragons 0, Wimborne 1; Leominster 1, Weston-super-Mare 0; Taunton Vale 1, Redland 0. North division: Clifton 1, Yate 2; New Sarum 3, Stroud 0. Postponed: Bath v Cheltenham. South division: Bodmin 0, Exeter 0; Minehead 0, White Eagles 2; Newquay 0, Weymouth 1; Penzance 0, St Austell 0.

LACROSSE

PEAK SPORTS-BRINE NORTH LEAGUE: Hulmeans 4, Heaton Mersey 17; Old Waconians 8, Timperley 8; Cheadle 14, Ashton 5; Sale 6, Mellor 12.
WEYBRIDGE: Surrey senior schoolgirls trophy: Semi-finals: Claremont 2, Colome School, Croydon 1; Guildford 3, St Catherines, Bramley 0. Final: Guildford 3, Claremont 0. Sussex senior schoolgirls: Final: St Michael's, Petworth 3, Roedean 0. Middlesex senior schoolgirls: 1, Lady Eleanor Holles, Hampton; 2, St Paul's, Hammersmith.

REAL TENNIS

HOBART, Tasmania: Women's world championship: Semi-finals (British unless stated): P Lumley bt H Mursell (Aus), 6-1, 6-3; S Jones bt A Garside, 4-6, 6-5, 6-4. Final: Lumley bt Jones, 6-4, 5-6, 6-4

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Northern Zone 6, Australia 40 (in Lae, Papua New Guinea)
OPENCAST BRITISH AMATEUR LEAGUE: First division: Barrow Island 17, Heworth 18; Dudley Hill 8, Mayfield 14; Leigh Miners 4, Millom 16; Saddleworth 46, Egremont 2; Wigan St Pats 18, Leigh East 6; Woolston 10, Askam 16
YOUNGERS ALLIANCE: First division: Castleford 24, St Helens 18; Halifax 28, Oldham 8; Hull 32, Wakefield 6; Warrington 30, Hull KR 12; Widnes 30, Featherstone 14; Workington 6, Leeds 46. Second division: West: Leigh 26, Huddersfield 28; Chorley 16, Whitehaven 20; Keighley 6, Salford 8; Swinton 16, Carlisle 22. East: Bramley 20, Dewsbury 16; Batley 13, Doncaster 0; Hemel Hempstead 18, Hunslet 10
RUGBY LEAGUE ACADEMY: Hull 14, Hull KR 9; Sheffield 28, St Helens 12

TENNIS

BASLE: Men's indoor tournament: Quarter-finals: J McEnroe (US) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 7-6, 6-4; J Hlasek (Switz) bt K Curren (US), 6-3, 6-4. Semi-finals: Hlasek bt A Volkov (USSR), 7-6, 6-7, 7-6; McEnroe (US) bt J Connors (US), 6-1, 6-3. Final: Hlasek bt McEnroe, 7-6, 6-0, 6-3.
PALERMO: Men's tournament: Quarter-finals: E Sánchez (Sp) bt T Muster (Austria), 6-3, 7-6; M Vajda (Cz) bt O Nargiso (It), 3-6, 7-6, 6-3. Semi-finals: Sánchez bt Vajda, 6-1, 6-2; F Fontang (Fr) bt J Arrese (Sp), 6-3, 2-6, 7-6.
ESSEN: Women's tournament: Group A: M Seles (Yug) bt M J Fernandez (US), 6-3, 6-2; A Huber (Ger) bt C Martinez (Sp), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1. Semi-finals: Fernandez bt M Navratilova (US), 3-6, 2-1, ret; Seles bt J Novotna (Cz), 6-0, 6-3. Final: Seles bt Fernandez, 6-3, 6-0.
BAYONNE, France: Women's tournament: Quarter-finals: M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz) bt J Halard (Fr), 6-3, 6-4; L Meskhi (USSR) bt C Porwik (Ger), 6-3, 6-4; N Tauziat (Fr) bt E Sviglerova (Cz), 6-4, 6-1; R McQuillan (Aus) bt R Zrubakova (Cz), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3. Semi-finals: Maleeva-Fragniere bt McQuillan, 7-6, 6-4; Meskhi bt Tauziat, 6-2, 7-5.
ST PETERSBURG, Soviet Union: Women's tournament: Semi-finals: L Savchenko (USSR) bt J Durie (GB), 6-4, 6-4; B Rittner (Ger) bt K Oeljeklaus (Ger), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Final: Savchenko bt Rittner, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
BRISBANE: Men's tournament: Semi-finals: A Krickstein (US) bt A Cherkasov (USSR), 7-5, 6-4; G Pozzi (It) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 6-3, 6-1. Final: Pozzi bt Krickstein, 6-3, 7-6
VAUXHALL SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Carlton group: Broughty Ferry 0, Bridge of Allan 9; Thistle 2, Cults 7; Giffnock 9, Burnside 0; Cavalier group: Postponed: St Serf's v Whitecraigs, Abercorn v Craighelen, Newlands v Rubislaw. Women: Astra group: Dunfermline 8, Broughty Ferry 0; Rubislaw 1, Giffnock 5; Bearsden 0, Bridge of Allan 8. Nova group: Elderslie 6, Craighelen 0; Cults 4, Abercorn 2; Whitecraigs 3, Newlands 3.

SNOOKER

STOKE: Regal Welsh Open: Fourth round: G Wilkinson (Eng) bt J Birch (Eng), 5-2; S James (Eng) bt R Lawler (Eng), 5-0; A Knowles (Eng) bt F Chan (HK), 5-4; J Johnson (Eng) bt P McPhillips (Scot), 5-3; A McManus (Scot) bt A Drago (Malta), 5-3; D Reynolds (Eng) bt B Oliver (Eng), 5-3; J Virgo (Eng) bt N Gilbert (Eng), 5-3; M Bennett (Wales) bt D Campbell (Scot), 5-3; S Hendry (Scot) bt E Henderson (Scot), 5-0; N Bond (Eng) bt E Hughes (Ire), 5-0; J Parrott (Eng) bt D Martin (Eng), 5-0; D O'Kane (NZ) bt I Graham (Eng), 5-1; P Francisco (SA) bt A Cairns (Eng), 5-2; M Clark (Eng) bt B Gollan (Can), 5-3; R Chaperon (Can) bt J Michie (Eng), 5-1; W Thorne (Eng) bt P Lines (Eng), 5-4; J Woodman (Eng) bt D Mountjoy (Wales), 5-4; D Taylor (N Ire) bt B Morgan (Eng), 5-0; K Doherty (Ire) bt M Hallett (Eng), 5-0; C Wilson (Wales) bt P Davies (Wales), 5-2; E Charlton (Aus) bt W King (Aus), 5-2; J Wattana (Thai) bt N Terry (Eng), 5-1; A Meo (Eng) bt M Smith (Eng), 5-2. Fifth round: T Jones (Eng) bt J Prince (N Ire), 5-2; N Foulds (Eng) bt S Francisco (SA), 5-1; S James (Eng) bt J Virgo (Eng), 5-4; T Griffiths (Wales) bt W Jones (Wales), 5-4; Johnson bt Knowles, 5-4; Wilkinson bt McManus, 5-2; Reynolds bt Bennett, 5-4; D Morgan (Wales) bt N Dyson (Eng), 5-4; Taylor bt Charlton, 5-1; Parrott bt D Fowler (Eng), 5-3; Wilson bt Doherty, 5-2; Hendry bt Chaperon, 5-4; Bond bt O'Kane, 5-2; Wattana bt Woodman, 5-2; P Francisco bt Clark, 5-4; Thorne bt Meo, 5-4
STOKE: European Open: Fourth round: N Terry (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 5-3; M Clark (Eng) bt R Williams (Eng), 5-2; T Griffiths (Wales) bt B Gollan (Can), 5-2; M Bennett (Wales) bt E Hughes (Ire), 5-4; D Morgan (Wales) bt A Knowles (Eng), 5-3; J Virgo (Eng) bt D Taylor (Eng), 5-3; D Mountjoy (Wales) bt N Fisher (Eng), 5-0; N Price (Eng) bt D Fowler (Eng), 5-1.

SPEEDWAY

SUNBRITE LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne 50, Swindon 40; Oxford 54, Berwick 36. Postponed: Berwick v Belle Vue; Swindon v King's Lynn, Cradley Heath v Bradford. Second division: Postponed: Stoke v Sheffield.
BRETT SAUNDERS TESTIMONIAL MATCH (at Edinburgh): Monarchs 35, Kellydonians 29, Anzacs 20, Anglos 12.
HOMEFIRE WORLD UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Final (at Coventry): Postponed (re-staged tonight, 7.30)

AUSTRALIAN RULES

AUSTRALIAN LEAGUE: Grand final: Hawthorn 139 (20 goals, 19 behinds), West Coast Eagles 86 (13, 8)

VOLLEYBALL

SÃO PAULO: South American women's championship: Semi-finals: Brazil bt Peru, 3-0; Colombia bt Argentina, 3-1.

WEIGHTLIFTING

DONAUESCHINGEN, Germany: World championships: Men: 52kg: 1, I Ivanov (Bul) 272.5kg (equals world record), snatch 117.5, jerk 155.5 (world record); 2, S Minchev (Bul), 267.5 (115.0, 142.5); 3, Zairong Zhang (China), 255.5 (120.5 (world record), 135.0). 56kg: 1, Chun Byung-kwan (S Kor), 285.0 (130.0, 155.0); 2, Liu Shoubin (China), 282.5 (135.0 (world record), 147.5); 3, Luo Jianming (China), 277.5 (130.0, 147.5). Women: 44kg: 1, Fen Xing (China), 163 (67.5, 95.5); 2, N Kunjarani (India), 142.5 (62.5, 80); 3, S Flowers (US), 140 (60, 80). 48kg: 1, I Rasrowa (Bul), 170 (75, 95); 2, Liao Shuping (China), 170 (72.5, 97.5); 3, D Minchewa (Bul), 152.5 (65, 87.5).

YACHTING

LONG BEACH: Women's world championships: Final positions: 470: 1, L Moskalenko (USSR), 16.7pts; 2, M Quarra (It), 26.4; 3, J Isler (US), 29.4. Europe: 1, T Moberg (Nor), 11.0; 2, A Bogatec (It), 44.8; 3, D Burton (US), 53.7. Windsurfing: 1, P Way (GB), 32.0; 2, N Le Lievre (Fr), 39.4; 3, J Fanner (US), 69.7

CYCLING

Jones lifts trial title on the last day

By Peter Bryan

MANDY Jones, the former world road race champion, became Britain's woman best all-rounder time-trial champion yesterday, on the day the season-long competition ended when she improved almost two minutes to win the Essex Roads 25 miles event at Witham in 54:07.

Her time displaced Margaret Allen, the former leader, and twice previously all-rounder champion, and gave Jones an average speed of 25.766mph for qualifying events at 25, 50 and 100 miles.

Allen was again dogged by last-day misfortune. Two years ago her alarm clock failed to work and she arrived late at the start: yesterday, she and Sue Wright, another former all-rounder champion, who was hoping to improve on her third place, both retired.

Glenn Longland, whose victory in the men's section of the competition was assured earlier in the month when he broke his own British 12 hours record with a distance of 300 miles, paired up with his team colleague, Neville Stroud, in an attemptto set a new national tandem record. They were beaten into second place by Vic Haynes and Matthew Illingworth but neither pair beat the record.

Ian Cammish, the Raleigh professional, failing to get the following wind he needed, was three minutes outside the British straightout 25 miles record when he clocked 45:56.

RESULTS: Essex Roads 25 miles: 1, M Jones (Liverpool Mercury), 54:07; 2, L Lamont (Charlotteville), 56:32; 3, C Roberts (Scarborough), 57:03. Team: East Anglian. Edgware RC 25 miles: 1, S Dangerfield (Leo), 50:34; 2, M Pyne (Polytechnic), 50:40; 3, G Dighton (Manchester Wheelers), 51:51

IN BRIEF

Parrott on song

JOHN Parrott, the world champion, extended his winning sequence in ranking events this season to nine matches with a 5-1 victory over Kirk Stevens in the fourth round of the European Open at Trentham Gardens, Stoke, yesterday.

Tony Jones, who superseded Parrott as European Open champion in Rotterdam, beat Nick Dyson 5-4.

SWIMMING: Senda Gharbi, of Tunisia, was still waiting yesterday to hear her fate after failing a drugs test at the All-Africa Games in Cairo. Gharbi, aged 25, stands to lose her six gold medals if the analysis of a second sample proves positive.

☐ Egypt have gained a place in the Olympic hockey tournament for the first time after drawing their final game, with Kenya, 0-0 and thus winning the gold medal.

☐ Muhammad Ali will attend the boxing finals in Cairo today and the closing ceremony tomorrow.

ATHLETICS: Stefano Mei, Francesco Panetta and Stefano Tilli have been banned for two months by the Italian governing body for missing Italy's international match against Finland earlier this month.

AUSTRALIAN RULES: Hawthorn won the Australian Football League grand final, defeating West Coast Eagles 20.19 (139) to 13.8 (86).

REAL TENNIS: Penny Lumley, of Britain, retained her women's world title with a fighting display against her compatriot, Sally Jones, who had earlier survived two match points while putting out the second seed, Alex Garside, in the semi-finals.

SQUASH RACKETS: Jansher Khan hurt his back when he tripped during a practice match in Rawalpindi on Saturday and could miss the United States and Canadian open championships next month. Jansher has been advised to rest for at least a week.

TABLE TENNIS: Chen Xinhua's victory over the World Cup semi-finalist, Jean-Michel Saive, on Saturday was followed by a 21-9, 21-17, 21-14 defeat by the world No. 10, Jorg Rosskopf, in the last eight of the European Masters in Bonn.

EQUESTRIANISM: Mary Thomson won the Gilbey's Lochanmore international trials on King Alfred, a six-year-old.

CRICKET: Abbas Ali Baig was yesterday named manager of India for their tour of Australia in November and the World Cup. He replaces Bishen Bedi.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA TROPHY: First qualifying round: Replay: Matlock v Worksop.
FA CUP: Second qualifying round: Guiseley v Shildon.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Horwich v Mossley. First division: Curzon Ashton v Newtown.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division (7.00). Leicester v Preston, Mansfield v Hull.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Millwall v Tottenham (2.00). Watford v Arsenal; Wimbledon v Reading.
DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Croydon v Maidenhead
BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton Utd v Flixton.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle v Torrington; Welton v Chard.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: North Shields v Eccleshill.
CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Yeovil v Hereford Utd.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Hawick v Glasgow High-Kelvinside.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Third division: Barrow v Highfield.

OTHER SPORT

BOXING: British and European heavyweight championship. Lennox Lewis (Crayford) v Glenn McCrory (Annfield Plain).
SNOOKER: European Open qualifying (Stoke).

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THE TIMES

SPORT

Last man Langer fails to save the Ryder Cup as he misses a crucial putt on the 18th green and can only halve with Irwin

Europe's defence ends in glorious defeat

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
AT KIAWAH ISLAND

EUROPE'S defence of the 29th Ryder Cup ended in a dramatic finale here on the Ocean Course when Bernhard Langer missed a six-foot putt on the final green. The halved match with Hale Irwin meant that the United States won back the trophy after six years.

Dave Stockton, the US captain, decided before play began that Steve Pate, injured in a car crash earlier in the week, was unfit. Stockton had played Pate on Saturday when it was evident that the player was in some pain.

The situation in such circumstances is that both sides have one player whose name is placed in an envelope before the start of the match in the event of a player from either side being ill or injured. Bernard Gallacher, Europe's captain, had put David Gilford in the envelope, which meant that he had to accept a half with Pate.

Severiano Ballesteros had initially been drawn to play Pate, but he now switched to take on Wayne Levi.It meant that the overnight score of 8-8 became 8½-8½, leaving Europe needing 5½ points to tie the match and retain the Cup.

Gallacher elected to put Nick Faldo, and he had a superb start when he was three up after three holes to Raymond Floyd. Faldo was then brought back to one down, but responded by holing from 12 feet for an eagle at the 7th. He went three up again with a two at the 8th and at the 10th he escaped with a half by holing from 32 feet.

Faldo, looking a different player from the one who had played so poorly on Friday and Saturday, made another birdie at the 11th to go four up. But Faldo lost the 12th and the 14th and Floyd should have won the 15th where he missed from four feet. Faldo had the chance to shut the door on his opponent at the 17th, but he took three putts from 20 feet.

As Faldo went down the 18th so behind him David Feherty secured Europe's first point at the 17th, where a par three was sufficient for him to beat Payne Stewart, the US Open champion, 2 and 1.

Ten minutes later Faldo duly earned Europe their second point from the singles when he two-putted the 18th for a solid par, all he needed to beat Floyd by one hole.

It was 1.20 on an oppressive afternoon, and 17 minutes later Colin Montgomerie gained an unlikely half from four down with four to play. Montgomerie did not make one birdie during that closing stretch, but the intensity of the situation got the better of Mark Calcavecchia.

The former Open champion dropped seven strokes to complete the closing stretch in 7-6-6-5, and his capitulation dramatised the pressure

Quite clearly Calcavecchia could not cope. Montgomerie, two down, had hit his tee shot into the water at the petrifying 17th, but Calcavecchia, who only needed to find dry land, followed his opponent into alligator country. He still had to take three putts on the green for Montgomerie to stay alive, which is exactly what he did.

Calcavecchia smashed his ball away in utter frustration and threw his putter to the ground. Then he moved forward to take five at the 18th where Montgomerie made a textbook four.

It heightened the pressure on his compatriots, although Paul Azinger responded as a fascinating contest with José-Maria Olazábal went to the 18th hole.

Before that 13 holes had been exchanged with never more than one hole separating the two players. Azinger, however, gained the initiative when with two good putts at the 17th — he eventually holed from seven feet — he went one up.

As the two men went down the last hole .Corey Pavin secured the first full point for the United States when he beat Steve Richardson 2 and 1. Richardson appeared to have a chance of escaping at the 17th, but it was Pavin who got out of gaol with a marvellous recovery from the sand to the left of the green.

Pavin played his shot and leapt from out of the waste bunker to wave the ball towards the green. It worked; the ball finished two feet away.

As anticipated, Ballesteros defeated Levi 3 and 2, but the pivotal match appeared to that between Azinger and Olazbal.

Azinger had the advantage playing the 18th. Olazbal found sand on the hole. Azinger missed the green to the left, but he got up and down for a four to the Spaniard's five. It was now 2.06 and Europe led 12-11 with five matches left on the course. Europe needed two more points, but they were down in four.

Paul Broadhurst gave Europe a vital point, and the chance to retain the Cup, when he beat Mark O'Meara 3 and 1, and Fred Couples made it 13-13 when he defeated Torrance 3 and 2.

Troubles shared: Dave Stockton, left, the American captain, and Bernard Gallacher, his European counterpart, watch anxiously yesterday

Troubles halved: Faldo, left, and Azinger concentrating on the jobs in their respective hands during the vital round of deciding singles

British football songs add spice to contest

Kiawah Island — The European team had the support of more than 3,000 spectators, whose enthusiasm provoked some American observers to call on their own supporters to exhibit their patriotism (Mitchell Platts writes).

Ken Burger, the executive sports editor of the *Sunday Post-Courier*, wrote: "The European fans, bless their smelly little underarms, actually issued a verbal challenge on Saturday when they began singing rowdy English football songs as they celebrated their teams' amazing comeback. Our fans, bless their lemon-scented Evian breath, are still cheering and applauding as they do at a concert when they want Barry Manilow to sing *I Write The Songs* just one more time.

"We simply aren't accustomed to such raucous behaviour on the hallowed grounds of a golf course, but it's time for a change."

The exchanges between the supporters were good-humoured. The banter added to the occasion, although it is questionable whether choruses of "Olé, Olé, Olé, Olé" belong on the fairways, despite the electrifying atmosphere which prevailed, especially on Saturday.

The concern that the Ocean Course might not afford good viewing for such a large gallery mostly proved unjustified. Alison Root, one spectator from Britain, said: "I've been surprised because you can see more on this course despite the large crowds than you can on many courses in Britain."

HOLE-BY-HOLE GUIDE TO THE RYDER CUP

Kiawah Island: Par 72 (7,303 yards): Outward nine — 36 (3,550 yards): Inward nine — 36 (3,753 yards)

Friday

Foursomes *(United States names first)*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Result
Yards	381	531	370	453	185	455	537	175	463	406	576	466	404	219	468	579	197	438	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	
P Azinger, C Beck	4	W	4	6	3	4	5	3	4	5	5	4	4	3	5	5	3		
S Ballesteros, J-M Olazabal	4	C	4	6	4	4	5	3	5	4	5	3	3	3	4	5	2		2 and 1
R Floyd, F Couples	4	6	4	5	2	4	5	2	4	4	4	5	5	5	4	5	3		2 and 1
B Langer, M James	5	5	4	5	3	6	5	3	4	5	4	4	3	3	4	6	3		
L Wadkins, H Irwin	3	4	3	5	2	4	C	2	4	4	5	4	5	5	6	W			4 and 2
D Gilford, C Montgomerie	5	4	5	5	3	5	W	3	4	4	6	4	5	4	5	C			
P Stewart, M Calcavecchia	4	4	4	W	4	5	5	3	4	4	5	4	3	3	4	5	C	4	1 up
N Faldo, I Woosnam	4	5	4	C	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	W	4	

Foursomes result: United States 3, Europe 1.

Fourballs *(United States names first)*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Result
M O'Meara, L Wadkins	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	2	5	halved
D Feherty, S Torrance	4	6	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	2	4	5	2	4	halved
P Azinger, C Beck	4	5	3	4	3	3	5	3	4	3	4	4	3	3	4	4	5		
S Ballesteros, J-M Olazabal	4	5	4	4	2	4	4	2	4	3	4	4	4	2	4	4	3		2 and 1
M Calcavecchia, C Pavin	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	2	4	4	5	5	4	4					
M James, S Richardson	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	3	5	4	4	4	4	3					5 and 4
F Couples, R Floyd	3	5	4	4	3	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	3	3	3				5 and 3
N Faldo, I Woosnam	4	6	3	3	3	4	4	2	4	4	5	4	4	3	4				

Fourballs result: United States 1½, Europe 2½.

Saturday

Foursomes *(United States names first)*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Result
L Wadkins, H Irwin	6	5	5	4	3	4	4	3	5	3	6	4	5	4	4	W			4 and 2
D Feherty , S Torrance	4	6	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	4	6	5	4	5	5	C			
M Calcavecchia, P Stewart	5	5	4	4	4	4	5	2	3	4	6	3	4	3	4	6	C	5	1 hole
M James, S Richardson	4	6	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	5	5	5	4	3	4	8	W	5	
P Azinger, M O'Meara	3	5	4	5	2	4	W	3	5	3	5	W							7 and 6
N Faldo, D Gilford	5	5	5	5	3	5	C	3	5	4	5	C							
R Floyd, F Couples	4	5	5	4	3	5	4	3	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	6			
S Ballesteros, J-M Olazábal	5	5	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	6			3 and 2

Foursomes result: United States 3, Europe 1.

Fourballs *(United States names first)*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Result
Yards	381	531	370	453	185	455	537	175	463	406	576	466	404	219	468	579	197	438	
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	
P Azinger, H Irwin	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	5	5	4		
I Woosnam, P Broadhurst	4	6	4	4	3	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	3	3	5	5	3		2 and 1
C Pavin, S Pate	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	5	5	3	3	3	5	3		
B Langer, C Montgomerie	4	5	4	3	3	4	4	4	5	4	5	4	3	3	3	5	3		2 and 1
L Wadkins, W Levi	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	W	C		
M James, S Ricahrdson	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	C	W		3 and 1
P Stewart, F Couples	4	5	4	4	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	halved
S Ballesteros, J-M Olazábal	4	4	4	4	3-	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	3	3	5	3	4	halved

Fourballs result: United States ½, Europe 3½.

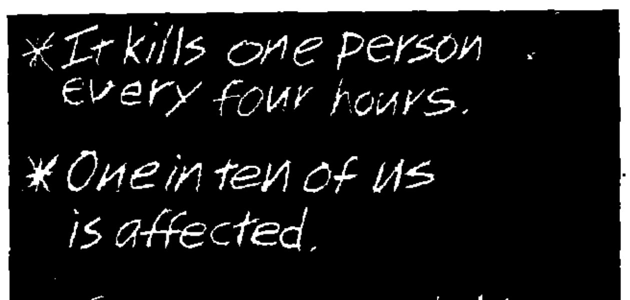
Yesterday

Singles *(United States names first)*

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Result
R Floyd	5	5	6	4	3	4	5	3	4	3	5	4	4	W	5	4	3	5	
N Faldo	4	4	5	4	4	5	3	2	4	3	4	5	4	C	5	4	4	4	2 up
P Stewart	5	6	4	5	3	3	4	3	4	4	6	4	5	3	4	5	3		
D Feherty	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	6	3		2 and 1
M Calcavecchia	3	5	6	4	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	4	4	W	7	6	6	5	halved
C Montgomerie	4	6	4	6	4	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	C	5	5	5	4	halved
P Azinger	3	6	4	5	3	3	6	3	4	4	W	5	3	4	5	5	3	4	2 up
J-M Olazábal	4	4	3	6	3	4	5	3	5	3	C	4	4	3	5	5	4	5	
C Pavin	4	4	W	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	6	4	5	3	4	5	3		2 and 1
S Richardson	3	5	C	5	4	4	5	3	5	4	5	4	4	4	4	6	3		
W Levi	4	8	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	C	4	3	3	4	6			
S Ballesteros	4	7	3	4	3	4	5	2	3	4	W	4	4	3	5	5			3 and 2
C Beck	4	4	4	C	4	4	5	2	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	W	W		3 and 1
I Woosnam	4	5	5	W	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	C	C		
M O'Meara																			
P Broadhurst																			
F Couples	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	5	5	5	5			3 and 1
S Torrance	5	5	4	4	4	5	5	3	4	4	6	5	4	4	5	5			
L Wadkins																			
M James																			
H Irwin																			
B Langer																			

S Pate (withdrew, injured) awarded half v D Gilford.

W· won. C: conceded



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Mansell fails to see Berger's joke

Barcelona — Nigel Mansell, of Britain, driving a Williams, yesterday won the Spanish grand prix in Barcelona and kept alive his hopes of the world championship. Five hours earlier, he had struck Gerhard Berger during extraordinary scenes at the drivers' briefing (Norman Howell writes).

Mansell, Berger, Ayrton Senna and Nelson Piquet were the protagionists in the incident, which exemplified the tension gripping Formula One near the end of the season.

It started with Berger trying to make a humorous gesture. He feinted a kick to the ankle that Mansell had injured while playing football on Friday. Somehow it went wrong, and Mansell said: "He kicked me three times in the leg so I hit him."

How he hit the Austrian was not clear. Some observers said it was a push, others an elbow, others that he grabbed him around the neck.

Jean Marie Balestre, the president of Fisa, the international governing body, also issued a warning to all drivers regarding the tactics at the start of the race. "Last week, somebody was much too enthusiastic at the start," he said.

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Sail is the merest snag for Way

By BARRY PICKTHALL

PENNY Way, Britain's top boardsailor, has overcome her disappointment at finishing second at the Barcelona pre-Olympic regatta in July by winning the women's world championship off Long Beach California with a day to spare.

Her only problem during the series came as she left the beach for the eighth race and suffered a ripped sail and broken skeg in the heavy surf. Way, who won a *Times*/Minet Supreme Award earlier this year, eventually beat Nathalie Le Lievre, the French boardsailor who is her main rival for the Olympic gold medal next year.

RESULTS: Overall: 1, P Way (GB), 32pts; 2, N Le Lievre (Fr), 39.4; 3, J Fenner (US), 69.7

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